

Montezello October 2^d - 1820

my dear daughter

I thank you for your kind letter of the 16th I rejoice to hear of your comfortable health, and eligible situation - I hear the most pleasing accounts of Mr Johnson and his Lady, and of all their Children - a high gratification to me; and a foundation of an ardent hope, That, that branch of my Posterity will be useful members of Society; and consequently, consolations to their Parents; and examples and blessings to the world -

We are in daily expectation of seeing Mr Clark, and her sprightly lovely Susan - but have as yet no intelligence of their departure from Wica -

You have great reason to rejoice in your Children and Grand Children - and I congratulate you upon it - I think as favourably as you do of my acquaintance and name sake Master John - and receive accounts of the other too also favourable, and promising - -

The grey lock, you request, is enclosed - Louise thanks you for her kind invitation

Your City of Wica is becoming a splendid Mart - The grand Canal will make it a place of much resort wealth, power and grandeur - but what are, wealth, power and grandeur, in this sublunary World; I have never had much of either - but enough, however to make me sick of them all -

It is not probable we shall ever meet in this World - but there is a better World on high. -

So believes your affectionate
Father -

Mrs Sarah Adams -

John Adams