

I never want any of my friends  
to be his friends - or his friends  
to be my friends - words are so  
rare to express what I think  
of him - that I want say a word.

I had the most delightful  
visit to Philadelphia the 1<sup>st</sup> of July  
to the 8<sup>th</sup> - I left so suddenly  
that I couldn't write and ask  
you to be at the Depot where  
I passed - but I anxiously looked  
for you at Millersburg and  
Harrisburg - I first saw Tom  
Moore in the Walnut Street  
Theatre - we were mutually delighted  
and astonished - shook hands - and  
Tom came round to the Continentals  
next morning early - and we talked  
for 3 or 4 hours about old times -  
delightful talk - he looks and is  
exactly the same - still always  
falling in love - and don't look  
a day older - or a bit different -

Now my dear friends - please  
don't write me such severe letters  
I cannot bear it - don't let the  
friendship that began so long  
ago - and has never known  
a break - know one now -

I'd sink the country to  
Hades at the bottom of the  
river if I first -

Yours -

Frank

Williamsport Pa

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Dear Simon -

Your letter came along  
before you had received my last  
note - and positively - Simon - I won't  
stand such letters as your last -  
You - as much as call me a Traitor -  
a Rebel - an Idiot - and everything  
else that is detestable - for you call  
men such - with whom I agree - and  
whose doctrines and actions I endorse,  
You take such a bigoted and prejudiced  
view of political affairs - that you  
forget you are addressing an intimate  
personal friend - and not a political  
enemy - And I have always - respected  
the opinions of my friends whatever  
such opinions may have been - and I  
claim that the same degree of feeling  
shall be extended to me - Your views  
politically are entirely different from  
mine - but I do not rave - and  
affect to laugh at you for that - Now  
is it either kind or friendly to attack  
so violently - to me - or assail so vir-  
ulently - principles that I uphold - I  
tell you that I believe Andrew  
Johnson - to be Honest and True - and  
you instead of asserting the contrary  
as you have a right to do - say  
"Any man who believes Andy - to be  
any thing else than an idiot or a Traitor  
is a fool" - Now I tell you I won't  
stand it - Talk this way, if you want