

We have had one of the most remarkable winters ever known in Kentucky -
For six weeks it has been intensely cold & no prospect at the time being of any
change whatever - since writing the snow has fallen several inches deep - &
a bitter time for sleighing we have never seen - Present me in the most af-
fectionate manner to Sister Lanelle & the children, to Mr. Long, Sister Labitha &
family & all other friends - Tell Sister Labitha I shall write her a long letter

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Colo. William W. Russell

Fulton

Ballouway Courty

Mo. -

in a few days I will communicate all the news of the neighborhood - Virginia
Russell was married two weeks since to a Mr. Dudley, son of the Genl. I had for-
gotten to tell ^{you} that I have received a military promotion & now command a
battalion & no longer have the shabby title of Capt. - take notice & govern your-
self accordingly - I will give the earliest attention to your business & apprise you
accordingly - Write often & believe me Truly & Affectionately your Brother
Tho. A. Russell

Dear William

Ash Hill - Dec - 30th / 1831.

Your communication of the 9th ultimo, came to hand in
ordinary time, & I have no doubt ere this, you are expecting an answer
from me; which under circumstances you might have calculated on, you
would have received some time ago - But little indeed, did I anticipate
the vexatious delay I have experienced since I received your letter & have not
until some two or three days since, had it in my power, to send you any
kind of answer, touching the subject matter of your communication -

The day your letter came to hand, I called to see Mr. Balla, but
found he had gone to Frankfort - I again & again called but found he
had not returned, & was absent from Lexington & could not see him - I then
left with his partner Mr. Shannon, your letter to me, together with your order
on Hoanna, to be delivered to Mr. Balla on sight, with my necessary verbal
instruction, which I conceived necessary to have adjusted, your transaction as
Attorney for Phillipsby in the Federal Court - Shannon informed me, he
delivered the paper to Mr. Balla & assured me on his part your business would
be promptly attended to & expected the money would speedily be made - & in
expectation of forwarding you proportion of the money to you, I delayed writing until
I could see the Marshall (Genl. Mr. Balla) - Some few days ago, when attending
the Jackson Convention in Frankfort, for the first time since I received your
letter, did I get to see him; when with regret on his part, mortification &
chagrin on mine, he put me in possession of the following facts connected with
this business & required of Hoanna, the endorsement which you will find he
made, on your order, which at Frankfort he handed me & which I enclose
you in this letter - you will thus find (as I believe) that Hoanna & Corah