

Hardy Murfree Cryer to Andrew Jackson, March 4, 1830, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

REV. HARDY M. CRYER TO JACKSON.

Gallatin, Tenn. , March 4, 1830.

To An: Jackson,

Dear friend Your two last letters which have come to hand are of Decr. and Jany. Pursuant to your request I have just returned from 'the *Hermitage*' a name and place that combines an *association* of ideas and sensations at Once *brilliant and gloomy* , pleasingly mournful. I say it is so to me, but I can only speculate. it is for *you* dear Sir, to realize all that others talk about! But we must not indulge a murmuring spirit. No—God our heavenly is too Wise to err, and too good to chasten us but for our profit. I will just say further, that the garden is in a state of forward preparation, all is *neat* and *dry* around *the Tomb* . Your farm is in good repair, your hogs and cattle look well for the season. I examined all your horses mares and colts. Bolivar will stand at the Hermitage. I have no doubt it is the best place for him, as Mr. Clay has sold Sir Wm. to some men abt. Franklin, in Williamson Con.y, Price \$4000, in One and two years.

I have written an advertisemt, for Bolivar which you will see in the Republican. He will not do to train any more. Elliott says his Colt Jerry is afflicted in the same way but not so bad, and he has lost his reputation as a courser. And as to his training any of your younger Ones, He just observed that he [has] not room for his own. The secret is this. He and Mr. Williams are so united with *James* Jackson, that there is no doing anything agt. his interest, and if Elliott and Williams were to train a Stockholder and run him with *success*

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why it would be *blocking* up the way of James Jacksons *next* importation, If he should *die* on the way! for you must know that he is determined to *try* a third time. And on the other hand if Elliott should train and run a Stockholder *unsuccessfully* Shelby who is a *ensorious* little man would attribute it to design.

Your Constitution Colt out of the Miller Mare is a short heavy Colt. I suppose he is not intended by nature for a *racehorse*—the brown colt out of the same mare by Stockholder is of better form for sprightly active horse— *his eyes* look rather weak, time and moderate feeding may make all right. The Sway back mare's filly of the same age by Stockholder will make a large active animal, and so will the Cotton mare's sorrel filly—the *little* sorrel *motherless* One from the brown mare, is improved very much, but the *large bay* Colt from the Grey Pacolet, by Stockholder is *worth all the rest* of the two year olds put together—he is very large and begins to shew some fine points. I know no man that would do a good part by him, but Mr. Colter my Uncle—if he trains, perhaps he might consent to gentle him for you. Your Oscar mare I think is in foal to the Cover Arab gave her, after I got out with him, of which I gave you an account—her colt by Wm. is a good one, not so splendid as it is good. You have seen my advertisemt. I expect to hear from you according to promise abt. the mares, etc.

Mrs. Cryer and children are all well and I hope to be in a *situation* , *say this year* , “to owe no man any thing but *good will* ”. Little Rachel is very promising and her mother thinks a great deal of her

Respectfully yours

Present me to Gen. Desha and say to him that Madame Towson has the best foal at her foot, she ever dropt—a filly