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Pm. Oct 4. 1845

Mrs M. A. Philips

I this day Rec'd your note Requesting me to inform You Respecting the affair we talked of in Salem. I trust You will Excuse me for not addressing you on so delicate a Subject. Still I agree I Should have done so. I went to Salem Soon after I saw You and enquired of some of my acquaintances there, Some knew nothing of the affair at all. One who I asked told me He believed it was all settled I thought that was enough, as no trouble to you could consequently grow out of it. Therefore my Silence upon the Subject. As I do not wish to put myself in any way to have any difficulty or hard feelings even from Mr Philips. I have been informed that he has heard something that I have said through the mouth of some organ of Scandal that he dislikes very much. I am sure I have never said any thing to any person of a more scandalous nature than I said to You and Aunt Mary when I saw you at Your house last. I then said

nothing but what I would now say to Mr P. if called upon. I said nothing but what I felt it my duty to say to Sis and Aunt Mary. as a Friend who always looked upon You as friends of his and highly Esteemed You for favors You have shown before bestowed on me. It would no doubt have been best for Mr P. not to be informed all I said (I feel ashamed he has not been) Why? because as I said before I wish to have no more enemies than I now have. and I trust I have not many now. I think the most bitter ones I have are those whom I had a Right to look for the best Friends. But thanks be to God. I can get along and ask no favors of them. nor expect any. If I can be of any assistance to you or Aunt Ile. in any way compatible with respects to my own family and I know you would ask nothing that was not. I should be very happy to Serve You. I trust that I should be able to conduct myself in such a manner as to merit any confidence that You may see fit to trust me with. I am well aware that this subject is a very delicate one. One that I can hardly find words to express my feelings upon. I should be very

happy to Receive a visit first, from you & aunt Mary. Give my respects to Aunt and tell her She always promised me that when I got married She was coming to Providence. I would like for her to fulfil her promise. I have no more to say at present. and remain

Your Friend Henry R. Congdon