

Washington
19. Dec. 1839.

Dear Sir,

I rec^d. your letter to Mr. Wise, and delivered
it. We are friends now, and I hope will continue
so, but that will depend on circumstances. If
he treats me well - Well - if he acts towards me
as I have seen him towards others, I will shake
him off, - not as a lady shakes the dew from
the newly plucked rose - but as the lion
shakes the wild dog from his mane.

My love to my friends - and to
yourself, my kindest regards.

Ever yours

J. A. Howard

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