

Cyrus Kurtz Holliday to Mary Dillon Holliday

Three days after the Pennsylvania state election, Cyrus K. Holliday wrote from Monongahela House, a hotel in Pittsburgh, PA to his wife, Mary Holliday, in Meadville. The election results were unofficial, and Cyrus hoped that John C. Fremont, republican presidential candidate, had won at least by a slim majority, if not by the expected large margin. Concerned about the November 4th national election, Cyrus anticipated fraud in Kansas Territory and prayed that the people would "do right." He mentioned the counties in which he had spoken; his next stop, Philadelphia; and his planned return to counties near Meadville.

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Dear Wife -

I beg your pardon for neglecting
you so long - But I have not ^{had} ~~not~~ one
moment of time to write for the past
two weeks - except the last day or two
and then I felt little like writing to
anybody -

Since writing I have been down
through Fayette, Green & Washington Counties
speaking three nearly every day -

The election is over - The result dis-
appoints me. From all I could learn
I was in hopes of carrying Penn^a by
2000 Maj. As it is the result is very doubt-
ful, though the latest advices this morning
lead us to hope & believe that the Republi-
cans have carried the state by a small
maj. - say 500 to 2000 - I can not now
know small the maj. may be. If we only have
a maj. it will enable us to carry the
state in Nov. by far Tennessee - I expect to
leave for Phil^a soon - perhaps tonight - Will
see you in a couple of weeks at farthest.

At present it looks very much
against your going to Kansas this

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fact, owing to the very unsettled
condition of things there -

If the people endorse this system
of Border Ruffianism at the ballot
box - I don't know what will be -
some of our Kansas people -

May God direct the hearts & minds
of the people to do right in this coming
contest should be the prayer of every
honest man & woman in the country.

But we must "labor & wait".
I found the Gen. Roberts sister
to be a very fine woman &
very fine people generally
in that section of country.

I hope your visit proved
very pleasant in Ohio.

Are you in that condition?

Write me immediately at Phila-
= Delphia - Care of the "St. Lawrence Hotel"
but you need not send any of
my letters - You can extract from
them as before - It may be possible that
I will return immediately from Phila. and
confine my labors to the balance of the campaign
to Crawford, Warren & adjoining counties.
Yours affe Husband C. K. Holliday