

316 West 56 Street

My dear father

I received your letter last evening with enclosed check: many thanks for the same. I thank you also for your belief in the statements made both my wife and myself, for it is simple father to me that you should do so; as I have in no way deserved the annotation which you placed upon my telephone message.

I am now in a position to explain and I hope to your satisfaction the other charges which you bring against me in yesterdays [sic] letter: i.e. disrespect and negligence of fillial [sic] duty.

First let me say that there is nothing further from my wish that such disrespect and lack of consideration as you charge me with, as I feel most grateful [sic] to you for all your acts of kindness to me in the past and at present; now let me explain.

Our arrangement was that I should notify you by four o'clock as to whether Dr. Hoyt would be at home or not during the evening, to do this on the absolute minute was impossible as the bride did not leave the house until a few minutes after four P. M. I at once mindful of your request telephoned you from the Rittenhouse and as you were not at the hotel had my message transcribed at the hotel office and directed that it should be given to you at once on your return, my knowledge that or Hoyt would not be at home was gained as my wife has already told you and also from the fact that I had heard him say that he would leave the house immediately after the wedding party dispersed as he was utterly worn out [;] Mrs. Hoyt also saying that she would deny herself to all callers on account of extreme fatigue; after telephoning you I returned to the house, as requested, and at once left there for your hotel with the hope of catching you although it was nearly five o'clock, I desired to see you and talk matters over. You were not there although I waited nearly an hour for you, neither had you received my telephone as it was in the box. After packing my things I left a note for you (which you have not mentioned): as it was uncertain what train I should take for N. Y. I could not make an appointment for any definite [sic] hour in view of the fact that you said that if you did not hear from me by four o'clock you would arrange your evening other wise [sic] than proposed.

As to the other charge namely that of not seeing your properly placed, you must be aware that my position with the family has been a strained one and that I could use no influence [sic] to place any one as I might have desired; I was received on sufferance and for appearance sake, and have to a degree reinstated myself with the family, and that only after the church services were over, could a man occupying the position I did, use any influence [sic] one way or the other; I have the answer to your fair Judgement [sic].



To sum the entire matter up, as to deceiving you, you now know that I am without guilt; from this explanation you will see that I visited you at your hotel at about 5 P. M. November 10th so in practice you must hold me blameless on the second charge.

My dear father ever since a child you have formed your Judgements [sic] of me on circumstantial [sic] evidence and have judged and condemned me without a hearing, as you have done on this occasion when if you had only asked an explanation a few words would have put matters straight.

I desire you to believe that I have a great affection for you which has but increased with my years, and that I in no way regard you except as a father to whom I am most deeply attached.

I sincerely hope that you will see these matters in their correct light after you have received this letter.

Your affectionate son

Joseph N Henry

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