Concord
26 March, 1838.

Dear Sir,

You were kind enough to say in a note to me, long ago, that you could still command a copy of the "Documentation History of New York," if I knew a party from whom to receive a copy as a gift. I have let the
The proposition lies by, not wishing to write a rich offer to any unwilling receiver. Lately a friend of mine comes occasion ally to my library to explore the four volumes, and finds them to contain much valuable matter to his purposes. His estimation is the more valuable, that he under-estimated them when he first looked at them, a good while since; for he is a very curious and instructed scholar in early American History, especially in all that concerns the Indians. Is it now too late to thank you will
give the Alfred volumes a direction in favor of my friend. He is Henry D. Thoreau, a land-surveyor in this town, a good scholar, and though far less known than he ought to be, very well-known in this region as the author of a book called "A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers" and "Walden, or life in the Woods." If you have still a copy of the work to share...
I think you will not
easily find so worthy
a receiver. If you
have not a copy re-
mainning, perhaps you
can tell me at what
cost I can procure
the book if given to
it. If the book be
sent through a bookbinder
box, to Phillips, Samson,
To Boston, to my address.
I will cheerfully pay
the cost of transportation.
If not, I think I shall
I shall make up my mind to give her to my own.

I congratulate you on the interest with which I judge from the formal the public receives 'The Life of Jefferson', which I doubt not will go on increasing. My own readings in it are yet have been very partial, as it lies out of my ordinary beat, and my studies lately have been more than usually confined, but my day of freedom is already coming. Mr. Quincy the elder, whom I saw soon after I saw you, was keenly yearning to know all that I could tell him.
of what you had told me but I have not seen him since.

With very kind regards,

Yours at right Everett

P.W. Emerson

Henry J. Randall, Esq.
Copy of Letter by R. W. Emerson to
Henry S. Randall, Esq.

Concord,
26 March, 1858

Dear Sir:

You were kind enough to say in a note to me, long ago, that you could still command a copy of the "Documentary History of New York", if I knew a party proper to receive so good a gift. I have let the (the) proposition lie by, not wishing to waste a rich opportunity on any unfit receiver. Lately, a friend of mine comes occasionally to my library to explore the four volumes, and finds them to contain much valuable matter to his purpose. His estimation is the more valuable, that he under estimated them when he first looked at them, a good while since; & he is a very curious & very instructed scholar in early American History, especially in all that concerns the Indians. Is it now too late to (to) ask that you will give the offered volumes a direction in favor of my friend? He is Henry D. Thoreau, a Land-surveyor in this town, a good scholar, and, though far less known than he ought to be, very well-known in this region as the author of a book called, "A Week on the Concord & Merrimack Rivers," and "Walden, or Life in the Woods."

If you have still a copy of the work to share I think you will not easily find so worthy a receiver. If you have not a copy remaining, perhaps you can tell me at what cost I can procure it. If the book is giveable & the book be
Dear Bill,

You were kind enough to say in a note to me:

"Documentary History of New York. If I knew a better place to locate on such a undertaking, I would have done so."

It has pleased me to receive the book a ticket I have just received. This is a long time mine, and I am glad to know that you are printing it in time.

I have not seen any of your recent work; I have been a little out of town.

Yours,

[Signature]
sent through a booksellers box, care of (to) Phillips, Sampson, & Co. Boston, to my address I will cheerfully pay the cost of transportation. If not, I think I shall (I shall) make up my mind to give Mr. T. my own.

I congratulate you on the interest with which as I judge from the journals the public receives the "Life of Jefferson", and which, I doubt not, will go on increasing. My own readings in it as yet have been very partial as it lies out of my ordinary beat, & my studies lately have been more than usually confined, but my day of freedom is always coming. Mr. Quincy the elder, whom I saw soon after I saw you, was kindly curious to know all that I could tell him of what you had told me; but I have not seen him since.

With very kind regards,

Your obliged servant

R. W. Emerson

Henry S/ Randall, Esq.
Your kindness a proceeding too rare a case of to consider.

I wrote a note to your express the same. I think I will

I now fail to write the note. I, the same.

I cordially hope you are in fine health and

I judge you are one of the best of the best, as

You are well informed to it as you have been very

present or the score of my constituency, but as you

frequently have been more than most continually, and as you

of treason to proceed contrary. I was afraid the other, whom

I was seem after. I am sure, was kindly courteo to know

If you say I cannot tell me of want you had and look me; and I

have not seen this since.

With very kind regards,

Your obliged servant,

R.W. Keenan.

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