

The historical love letter ... John Hancock President of Congress to Dorothy Quincy, the second “Dorothy Q” whom he married two months later. Printed here in facsimile for the first time for a few friends by the American Autograph shop [Merion Station, Penna.] Christmas 1938. Copyright 1938, the American Autograph Shop. Gift from Miss Eleanore Bruno, Apr. 10, 1939. 2nd copy, Gift from Miss Eleanore Bruno, 1943.

THE HISTORICAL LOVE LETTER

NO AMERICAN WOMAN EVER RECEIVED FROM HER INTENDED HUSBAND A BETTER EXCUSE FOR HIS ABRUPTLY BREAKING OFF A CHATTY LOVE LETTER. NO AMERICAN EVER WROTE GREATER NEWS TO HIS SWEETHEART. NO AMERICAN WAS EVER PRIVILEGED TO SET HIS SIGNATURE TO A MORE IMPORTANT DOCUMENT IN THE COURSE OF HIS APPOINTED OFFICIAL DUTIES.

JOHN HANCOCK, PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS TO DOROTHY QUINCY, THE SECOND “DOROTHY Q” WHOM HE MARRIED TWO MONTHS LATER.

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My Dear Dolly

Last Evening I had the pleasure of your Letter, You must not, my Dear, think hard of any earnest Expressions to you & of my Notice of the shortness of your Letters & omission in writing, when I tell you it arises from the greatness of my Regard & my Anxiety when absent from you. You do not tell whether the little things I sent you by Doct Church suited, did the Shoes & Stockings fit, I dearly love you should be particular, pray write me one long Letter, fill the whole paper, you can do it if you only set about it. I verily think now we shall adjourn to Connecticut, as the Seriousness of the Times seems to Call for it. I shall let you know in Time, I heartily wish for it. My Regard to all Friends. I Refer to Mr. Henshaw for every thing about me, I am greatly hurried, have Five hundred Commissions to Sign for the Officers of our Army. I am now going to Sign General Washington's Commiss'n will pass thro' Fairfield in 4 or 5 days,

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Yours for ever JOHN HANCOCK.

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