

Clayton March 1840

To Miss Emma

I was very agreeably surprised some time since on breaking the seal of a letter from Albion to find your interrogatory. I say agreeably surprised because such a correspondence as you and my friend have asked, I enter upon with pleasure and without hesitation. I must however confess to some little embarrassment.

The "Miss Cousin" by which cognomen I have been so often and always so inappropiately designated, you will very soon find but her existence only in name. My cousin is now much more similar than her name implies.

I am, my dear friend, ever
Yours affectionately
Clayton

of the East can be found
any more. In human and domestic
we compare with the West in the number and
abundance of its products. In education, science
and general advancement however the West
does not add directly to a man's estate or capital
as can be seen from N. Y. is considerably in
advance of any portion of the West. Her number
years of the time spent in this state I have
tried to show the rising generation that
there is still room for the exercise of their own
genius and citizen's acquirements. Some
general remarks are made. I have just closed
of school and expect soon to engage for
there are some things connected with the
which are disagreeable. yet I do not
the business in so strong terms as we
at N. York. One would think however
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