

To Adrien Emmanuel Rouquette

November 13, 1854

Rev^d Adrian Rouquette
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Concord Mass. Nov. 13th 1854.

Dear Sir

I have just received your letter and the 3 works which accompanied it—and I^a make haste to send you a copy of “A Week—on the Concord & Merrimack Rivers”—by the same mail with this— I thank you heartily for the interest which you express in my “Walden”^a—and also for the gift of your works— I am especially^a pleased to receive so cordial^a a greeting in French—which was the language of my paternal Grandfather—¹ Though^a I have not had time to preruse your^a books^a attentively—I have looked far enough to^a to be convinced that not all^a in^a your section of the^a union^a any more than in my own, are^a devoted to trade^a alone^a. The very locality assigned to some of your poems—appeals to the muse in me^{a,a}

I assure you^a it is not a little^a affecting to be thus reminded of the breadth & the destiny of our common country—

I am sir yrs sincerely
Henry D Thoreau

Correspondent: See See p. 269.

¹ Jean Thoreau (1754-1801), son of Philippe and Marie Le Gallais Thoreau, was born in St. Helier on the Isle of Jersey. Sometime after he immigrated to the United States, in 1773, he anglicized his given name to “John.” He married Jane Burns (1754-1796), daughter of Peter and Sarah Orrock Bourn (Burns), in 1781.

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Editor's Note

The document also contains other material in T's hand.

Author's Alterations

I] *interlined with a caret*
 "Walden"] *interlined above cancelled* book
 I am ... muse in me] I am ... Grandfather- *marked for transposition with* Though ... muse in me
 especially] *interlined above cancelled* particularly
 cordial] *interlined above cancelled* hearty
 Though] *added in margin*
 your] *interlined above cancelled* the
 books] *interlined above cancelled* last
 I ... enough to] *interlined with a caret above cancelled* but I am
 glad
 not all] *interlined above cancelled* there are more than *and followed by cancelled* those in
 in] *preceded by cancelled* I supposed *with cancelled* knew *interlined above*
 the] *interlined above cancelled* our
 union] *interlined above cancelled* broad country
 any ... are] *interlined above cancelled* who are *interlined in pencil with a pencilled caret*
 trade] *preceded by cancelled* something better than
 alone] *interlined with a caret*
 The ... me] *added and* appeals ... me *interlined below cancelled*
 suggest poetry
 I assure you] *interlined with a caret above cancelled* Altogether
 not a little] *interlined in pencil with a pencilled caret*

*To Amos Bronson Alcott**November 15, 1854*

Concord Nov. 15 1854

Mr Alcott,

I wish to introduce to you Thomas Cholmondeley, an Englishman, of whom and his work on New Zealand I have already told you.¹ He proposes to spend a part of the winter in Boston pursuing his literary studies, at the same time that he is observing our institutions.

He is an English country gentleman of simple habits and truly liberal mind, who may one day take a part in the government of his country-