

Readville, Mass. 19 Feb 1913

Dear Walter

I am glad to have  
seen Mr Pickard's  
letter which I return  
to you.

I think it may have  
been a couplet  
such as Mr Pickard  
says Whittier was  
wont to give his  
friends. & yet  
unmeditated, but the  
difficulty about  
the "you" is not  
to be cast aside  
lightly - He was  
always a Quaker  
and the "you" did  
not come first to  
his lips when

addressing any person or composing.  
I find in the New English (Oxford) Dictionary  
two quotations under befortune, though  
nearly three centuries apart, so it's a word  
not much in use.

The first is Shakespeare "Two Gentlemen of  
Verona" IV. 3. 41 "As much I wish all  
good befortune you"

The second is dated 1855 from Singleton (I  
never heard of him) and is an Essay ? on  
Virgil "Whatever shall befortune every  
hap Is by endurance to be overcome.  
If Whither unconsciously borrowed it, I guess  
he owes it to our friend Shakespeare,  
the source of so many phrases, sayings  
and quotations - This is as far as I  
have got at present, and I thought in sending  
back the letter I would "report progress"  
Yrs G G K



Kennedy, George G. 1913. "Kennedy, George Golding Feb. 19, 1913." *Walter Deane correspondence*

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