



Horatio P. Van Cleve and
family papers.

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Fort Winnebago Feb. 19th 1834

Dearest Margaret

The fondest of brothers (no one has better claim to that title than myself) could not wish for more substantial proof of an absent sister's love and kind remembrance, than sweet letters as my sister writes to me. They tell me that she has not forgotten me, and at the same time testify, that the writer does not wish to be forgotten. And she is not forgotten neither will she be. My sisters have always been very dear to me, and they will always find a capacious & well furnished room reserved for them, in my heart, however it may be occupied by others. Within the past year, one has taken a large set of apartments there, but she has not encroached upon yours in the least. — The greatest favor you could bestow upon me, would be to prepare an apartment for her, in your heart, of the same size of the one you keep for me, and right by the side of it. In other words, love her as you do me, if you wish to add to my happiness. I will say to you what has been said to my other sisters, that, this would not be asked of you if I did not know that you would love her much when you became acquainted with her, and that for her own sake. — Either Captain Clark or his wife will go on with Charlotte. You would like them both very much. If Mrs Clark goes she will spend a week or so in New Haven. She is a lovely woman, and is highly esteemed by all who know her. I need not ask any thing of my sisters, for I know that they will pay every attention to my friends. Charlotte will tell you what kind of a place Fort Winnebago is. How people live in a garrison. What kind of people the Indians are and how they live. And perhaps she may be able to say a word or two about your brother. She has heard me speak of you all, for you know we are apt to speak of those we love, when conversing with our dearest & most intimate friends. I have made her believe that you are all something more than common, for I have always thought I had the best sisters in the world. There is Mary Anna

and Louise and Margaret. When could another trio be found to equal this? — Louise & Houston write, that John intends to add another to the number. Have you ever seen the lady, in question, Miss Antoinette Kenter? Doubtless John has made a good choice, and his brother Jack wishes him much happiness. The rogue, has never said a word to me on the subject. He has not asked my advice or my consent. He need not think he will get off so easy. I will write to him soon, if it is nothing more than a letter of congratulation. Perhaps a word or two may be devoted to another young lady, of whom he has never heard from me. — It delights me much to hear that he continues to do well in his business.

Miss Clark will not leave here till the opening of navigation on the upper lakes, which is generally about the latter part of April. She will take to you all much love from me, for I know you will be glad to hear some one say, 'Your brother Horatio sends you much love'. It is something that you do not hear every day. And then you will hear it from such a dear, sweet girl! My sister cannot but love her much.

Mr. Davess has not yet returned to his Regiment. When he does return he will be stationed at Fort Howard, which is about one hundred and twenty miles from this Post. He is an excellent young man, whom, having lived with long, and known well, I esteem highly. And I regret exceedingly that he does not return to this Post. By the bye, was not your little heart somewhat troubled by this fine looking young officer. He will certainly be lectured by me, if he goes to running off with my sister's heart.

You say you are studying Algebra and Euclid and Latin (& Greek and Hebrew and Arabic and Hindoo & Chinese) & Philosophy &c. I should like to hear, that, you were spending the time, that, you now devote to the ancient (& dead) Languages, to the Modern European Languages. Learn to speak the French and Italian & Spanish. It appears to me that some mania has seized the good people of these days. They are tired of the living and of their Languages, and must do nothing but study the language of the dead. Yes, and they will soon have to dig up the dead, or they will have no-

body to talk to. This conversing in a living language, and to living persons, will be too common place, it will be decided by vulgar. — But, perhaps, you intend to apply for a Professorship in Yale or Nassau Hall? Je ne fais que rire, my dear sister, so you must not be offended. There can be no possible objection to your pursuing these studies, if you can find one that would be more profitable to you in after life. But there is the question. Louise was a hard student from her earliest childhood till she was Eighteen or nineteen (and she was not slow to learn) and she found studies, in her own language, sufficient to occupy all her time. (I should have said 'Living Languages' instead of 'her own Language'.) You may say 'The Latin assists me in learning my own language'. It is true it does, but suppose instead of studying Latin you devote one half of that time in addition to what you now spend at English, would you not then know more of your mother tongue. But, although you do not intend to study Divinity nor Law nor Medicine, in which sciences you would find it necessary, or at least

useful to refer, occasionally, to Latin and Greek authors. Let me not discourage you from the pursuit of sciences which may be interesting to you & also profitable. But word more, You recollect you told me you were sorry I was going to leave you — "because I will have nobody to read my Latin to me". — That's all.

I have asked Houston to have 'Waldie's' circulating Library sent to you. You will find in it much interesting and instructive matter. If you will have them filed away carefully so that they can have them bound when I come home I will be glad. I wish to preserve the whole set.

I wish very much to see you all, and you, my dear sister not less than any one, for it is said that you have changed considerably. Perhaps you do not look as much like me as you did formerly, if so, you cannot be as handsome as you were once. Let me see, you will be about the size of Sarah Howell, when I see you again (that will be, I hope, next summer a year) and all that is amiable and lovely. — The fact is May you were always a dear, sweet sister to me, & when we are together we generally have "saw

sport." — Much love to you dear, and give much to
Mary Anna. I have heard sad accounts of Sister's health
during the last year. Has she recovered entirely? Kiss
the little peattler for me, and tell she does not get
such kisses every day. Perhaps she has forgotten me! — Re-
member me to Mr Gibbs

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Miss Margaret F. Vanclue
Care of Prof. S. W. Gibbs
New Haven
Conn.



A sore throat and cold has prevailed here for some time
as an epidemic, but appears to be passing away now.
Has it been in the East?

You need not publish in a newspaper all that
has been said to you.

Horatio

Fort Winnebago Dec 17th 1833.

Dearest Margaret

Your letter which I rec^d this evening amused, gratified, delighted me, & made me wish that you would write every week; and you would, no doubt, if you could only see what spirit it gave me. — So you think a large man can throw a small one in the shade, do you? And Sophia has discarded the hard & substantial for a soft Marsh. Well you girls are a queer set, I don't know what to make of you.

I hope Captain Clark will be induced from what Louisa said about Mrs Appthorpe's School, to send his daughter there. You will doubtless be very much pleaded with her. She appears to me as one exceedingly amiable & lovely, & inferior to none of her age in talents. — Sister Mary Anna loves Energy in a young lady, I trust she will not find Miss Clark wanting in it. — If she goes to New Haven my sisters will bear in mind that she is far, very far from home, & that she has never before been from her mother's care. — But I know you will all love her for her own sake, I'll say no more.

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Their Cousin Ellen is to be married in earnest is
she? Some of the Fair Society girls appear to be disposed
to wait for me. I know exactly how it will be. They
will all be married when I pay you a visit, which by
the bye I fear will not be very soon. It would de-
light me much to see you all, by it will be neces-
sary to wait a year or two. Anna & Gibbs will
then be quite a romp. My dear sister Mary Anne
gratified me much by the lock of hair she sent
to me. I intend to go to-morrow to compare
it with that of some of the little ones of my
acquaintance. Some of them have such pretty
hair I know. — Tell sister I have the laziest
king of a lecture for her, spiced with all
kinds of abuse, for her neglect of me.

Mr Daviss is in Kentucky I may not return
to his Regiment for a year. When he does return he
goes to Green Bay, as his Company is there. I miss him
very much. You must have been somewhat smitten,
with Mr D. Louisa should have lost her heart
too, but she would not mind me, Reverse girl
that she is, she must have lost her heart before, that
is could have had none to lose or it would have
been lost when she became acquainted with Mr D.
I am going to quarrel with Mr D. when I see him
for saying what he did about Miss E. R. He knew

exactly what I thought of her and that there was
no cause for alarm. He is inclined to be rough
occasionally.

Mr McClure who answered a letter of Louisa
has been transferred to the Dragon Corps, so I
think he will not see many more of her letters.
Louisa tried to make me believe she thought it
was a hoax; that I was the writer with a fic-
titious name. You may rest assured there was no
hoax about it. Mr McClure wrote the letter I
under his own proper name, I have never assumed
a name other than my own in writing to my sis-
ters.

Do say Mr Howe keeps a fancy store in New
Haven, is he doing well? He regrets having thrown up
his Commission, I have seldom known one who
did not regret having taken such a step after
it was too late. To keep clear of all such
regrets I think I'll keep hold of my Commission.
Although my sisters wish me to resign & come
home. I spend my time quite pleasantly notwithstanding
standing we are very much confined. We can-
not leave our post now, under existing orders,
to visit any of the neighboring Posts.

Good night dearest, much love to you &
all, from your brother Horatio.

I opened your letter without knowing there was any hair
 in it & it dropped out, but fortunately I found it, as
 soon as I had read to the end of the letter, and
 it was sealed in a most beautiful lock, al-
 most under my feet — Louisa says the number of
 Mrs Apthorp's pupils is limited to sixteen, I am
 afraid it may be full next summer.

Dr.

Mrs M. F. Vanclue
 care of Rev. S. W. Gibbs
 of New Haven

Conn.

H. P. V.



The
 gift

In looking among my papers I find two or three let-
 ters commenced for you but thrown aside. This is
 mentioned to show that you are not forgotten
 although you hear from me but seldom

Yours

Fort Winnebago Sept 12th 1833.

My dear Sister

You must think it unkind in me to neglect your letters so long, when you write to me such good ones too; and you must think I am ungrateful, but I'll assure you that you are mistaken there. I wish all my sisters would write as often. It tells me, I am dear to you.

Your last letter gave me an account of St Davids visit; About the same ^{time} he wrote & your two letters appeared to correspond in many respects. He was very much pleased with his visit, and I am glad to find that you all were pleased, with him.

I cannot say my dear sister that all of your letter gave me the same satisfaction as that, ^{part} that mentioned his visit. I was very sorry to hear of sister Mary Annas sickness, but trust that, ^{now} she has been restored to health. It is the first time I have heard of any sickness in our family for five or six years.

So you think that was a very queer letter that I wrote to Louisa under ~~a~~ fictitious name, do you? Very well continue to think so, I must be an excellent hand at counterfeiting, or rather at concealing my own hand writing. I expect she has received another before this. Does she ever speak of answering it. I wish she would.

Do you intend to pay a visit to Lersey this fall? Or have you seen enough there to last for some years to come? When will Louisa spend the winter. She sh^d have let her escape & captured my friend, I might then have had an opportunity of seeing her occasionally. Tell her, she is very perverse & self-willed - I do not know what to say of you without it is that you are somewhat hotheaded, or you never w^d have set your brain to work, to speak so severely against a friend of mine, who was so unfortunate as to please me more than she did Mr^r Davess. He said I visited her more than he did, without adding that I made it a rule to visit some two or three families daily, when he scarcely called upon his neighbours once in three months. - But I thought my dear sister thought better of me than to believe for a moment, that I would have any idea of leaving the State of single blessedness without giving them due notice. You have not the least cause for alarm, nevertheless I never like to hear my friends abused or spoken ill of.

I have neglected to thank Louisa for the book she sent to me by Dr Abbott. Tell her that it came safe & that I am very thankful for it.

Black Hawk with the Prophet &c, of whom so much was said in the East, passed by here about two months since on his way home. I think his rather

a fine looking old Gentleman, & quite dignified in his manners. The Indians around us are not remarkable for their beauty. The Menominees are generally considered to be more handsome than the Winnebagoes & I have no doubt but that the Aces & Foxes are also. Most of the Winnebago women are very homely. You may sometimes meet one who is good looking, & I have seen one or two that might be called handsome. Being to their performing all sorts of manual labour they soon grow old in appearance, & one who is not more than thirty you would suppose to be near fifty.

Has Louisa heard from Mr D. lately? Since she slighted me twice, I will be careful how I recommend in future. I have been expecting a letter of abuse from her for weeks. She promised, in a P.S. to your last letter, to write soon and give me a second edition of your lectures enlarged & improved, I have a great notion to get angry with you both, & no doubt would, were it not that I feel a sort of a leaning towards you. - I am glad you love Lavinia so well, & wish that she loved me as well as you do. If you w^d but assure me of that you need never to fear that I will get married in this country. If Mr D had had his wits about him he w^d have assured you that there was no cause for alarm. I wish that I were in Lersey now that I might convince you of the truth of what I say, by my attention to, - you understand

me I suppose. — I would not have said so much on
this subject, but you appeared to be alarmed on my account.
I wish you to write to me frequently. It wd delight me
much to hear from my dear brothers & sisters by every mail
that is once a week. I wd like to hear often but that
is impossible. — Horatio.

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Miss M. F. Vanclene
Care of Rev. J. W. Gibbs
New Haven
Conn.



HPV

near family
neighbour

Fort Winnebago Apr. 25th 1833

My dear Sister

A day or two since I rec'd a letter from you & Margaret, which I have not had time to answer, as yet. & it is not necessary to write any thing now as my friend Mr. Davis will tell you more than I can say on a sheet of paper. He will tell you that you need not expect ~~to~~ see me in the East before another year rolls around, I perhaps not then, as I may not be able to get a furlough.

You stated in your letter that my sisters & brothers were anxious that I sh^d come home, and remain with them. For one who is ^{as} fond of the society of his friends as I am, nothing could be more gratifying than to be with you all, but I cannot leave the army. I am attached to it as a profession, and do not wish to abandon it for another. I wish I could make — (the lady of whom you so often speak) like the profession as well as the ladies here do, & that I could prevail upon her to follow me to this Western wilderness. The officers wives appear to be more happy than the wives of citizens generally. They have fewer

comes, and their husbands are seldom from home.

You say it is doubtful where you will spend the summer. Do you expect to get married? or what is it that makes it doubtful? I wish you could make me a visit.

Nous, frequently speaks of Sarah, but I cannot say that he is engaged to her. (Mrs. Hunter says that he appeared to be very attentive to Anna).

I see by the Princeton paper that Alfred Woodhull and Miss Maria Solomon are married. I must return to Lersey soon or some one may be found carrying off my little dove. (I wish you could spend the summer in Princeton). (You understand me I suppose).

Give much love to all
Your brother Horatio.

Louisa

P.S. Mr. Davis' name is pronounced Davis

Harriet P. Van Cleve
Rec May 29th 1883 -

Miss Louis E. Van Cleave
New Haven
Conn.

Tras by
St. Davids

Fort Winnetago Apr. 4th 1833

My Sweet Sister

A letter to you was commenced some time since and left unfinished, and now I commence another with but little time to finish it. My negligence is unpardonable, but you must try to forget it. You cannot doubt your brother's love, but still he should write. It strengthens our affection for each other to have some token of remembrance sent to us occasionally, and for absent friends what is better than a letter? You & Louisa & Houston have been very kind to me in this respect & I assure you I feel it deeply.

Your birthday has just past. How old are you now, 12 or 13 or 14? and how tall? And how much do you know for me of your year? It, no doubt will be hard for you to answer the last question. Nevertheless you can tell what you have been studying for the last year, and perhaps you can give me a slight sketch of what you have done & seen & heard. Any thing that concerns you will interest your brother.

Since the 1st of January we have had but very little snow & the weather generally has been mild. For the want of snow the Indians have

been unable to track the deer & spear fish, their principal support in the winter season. Of course they have suffered much from hunger. To spear the fish they cut a hole in the ice, and place their blankets over them so that it shall be dark around them, that the fish may not be alarmed & that they may see the better from the light under the water they place a bait under this hole, and, lie still watching it till a fish comes near, when they strike him with a barbed spear. When there is no snow on the ice the fish are shy.

The Indians around us frequently come here for provisions, and during the past six months they have received many barrels of Pork & Flour from Government, for the land sold to us in their treaty last year. Now that Spring has come they begin to show great unwillingness to leave the lands they sold us, & perhaps before the summer is past some of our troops will be ordered to drive them off.

I have been hoping that we would have a flood here this Spring, that I might see the Portage (that is the neck of land) between the Wisconsin & Fox rivers covered with water. Then the waters of the Mississippi would mingle with

the waters of the St Lawrence. This frequently happens, and a few years since our regiment coming from Jefferson barracks passed over the Portage in boats.

Tell Anna Louisa I am delighted with the accounts I hear of her. It may be taken for granted that she does not recollect me. The specimen of her writing which she sent to me in Louisa's letter was very good. That is, as good as could be expected.

Give my love to all.

I have not time to add any more.
So farewell

With much affection your
Father Horatio.

Horatio are you sure you had prof time?
O. Horatio
My Dear!



East Wm. hays Feb 10th 1853

My dear friend? Dear sister

Your brother and my self having each received a letter from his sister, and each having an impertinent curiosity to know what the other sister writes, determined to exchange letters. But as an exchange of letters implies an exchange of correspondents, we furthermore determined that each should write to the other's sister. Is it possible Horatio has dared to make such a disposition of my letter - to hater it away as if it were a mere article of traffic, simply to gratify the idle curiosity of another - what treachery! and then to authorize the same person to add his nonsense to me. Let us see what he presumes to say for himself - "Why Miss V. I shall say nothing at all, until you compose yourself a little, and banish that frowning aspect for one more encouraging - for you must know, I am what they call a bashful young man, afraid to speak to a young lady, unless her countenance be lighted up with smiles. Horatio bashful or not. I have impudence enough now, to say I am not at all sorry I have read your letter, which I

value much more highly than you will this - Indeed if you knew the pleasure I had derived from its perusal you would pardon my presumption in answering it, out of pure respect for my good taste - I candidly thought, I do not see any great objection to a gentleman writing to the sister of his intimate friend - I have never read in story or heard in song, any thing against the practice - neither Mrs Opie nor Chesterfield nor Paley say aught against it - I admit they say nothing in its favour - But then I have no doubt the custom would have met their approbation had it prevailed in their day - It is a new custom and Horatio and myself are entitled to the credit of establishing it, and consequently to all the honours that ought to accrue to the authors of so pleasant a custom - It is attended with an good privilege - It enables us to bestow praises upon each other which we are too modest to bestow upon ourselves - As I expect Horatio to dwell upon the few good qualities that belong to me, whilst he conceals all my faults - it is perhaps my duty, in speaking of him, to say as much as possible of his merits - Nevertheless as that would only be speaking of what is already known to every body, I have concluded that I had better confine myself to his faults which are known only to a few of those who are most intimately acquainted with him - I am the more ready to report them to you, because I know you will exert your eloquence with him, to induce him to correct them - In the first place then, I think he is a little smitten

with love for some fair lady of Princeton - Now I think the profession he has chosen, as well as his extreme youth, make it highly improper for him to fall in love - Besides I believe he is only feeding his imagination with hopes, that will end in disappointment and misery - For what young lady would return the love of one who made his home in the midst of the ferocious Minchagoes? 2nd When he visits the ladies of the Garrison he never carries his flute with him, though often requested to do so - This, I tell him is false modesty, because he knows that he plays so sweetly, that if he would play once for them, they would "ask for no more"

There are faults in my opinion, deserving of correction - I wish when you write to him you would give him a good sound scolding - It is well for I have not room for any more of his faults - I fear that when you come to call him to account for those I have mentioned, as well as for unpardonable treachery in letting me have your letter, he will be overwhelmed with shame & confusion

Your letter was most unfortunate in its destiny - Besides falling into the hands of one for whom it was not intended, it was three months or upwards on its way here - I promised your mother I would answer it - Soon, but circumstances occurred to prevent me -

In conclusion, I hope you will find more in this letter to smile at, than to be offended with -

Yours
Miss Louisa E. Vanclen

I am with respect
Your friend
Geo. W. McClure
St. N. H.

Horatio P. Van Cleave
Recd April 1st 1853.



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Mrs. Maria E. Van Cleave
Care of Mrs. D. W. Gibbs
New Haven
Conn.

Feb 13 1853

Fort Winnebago Feb. 8th 1833

My dear Sister

My friend Dr. Abbot has kindly promised to deliver this letter to you "in propria persona". I am glad to find that he intends to spend some time in New Haven for I know my sisters will be delighted to hear of their brother from one who has seen him face to face, & with whom he has spent many delightful hours. You will be able to learn of him many things of this Post & of the neighbouring Country that I have never mentioned in my letters, & perhaps many things concerning myself.

We have had delightful weather so far this winter, that is if mild & dry weather can be called such. There has been but little snow. I believe the thermometer has not been below 11° below zero, whereas last winter its usual range was from zero to 25 or 30 below.

I had a letter from George Brown

a short time since somewhat to my surprise. It contained but little news. Among other things he said that you had been killing some three or four people in Lawrenceville. Now Sir I think this is very wrong. "Thou shalt not kill" is a commandment, no matter what the weapon may be. But you'll say George was jesting; well then I'll say I suppose he was, so we'll change the subject.

Do you find New Haven as pleasant this winter as you flattered yourself you would. You must not study too much of Chemistry & Philosophy; I have heard of its turning people "blue". Margaret I hope has given up Latin. If a young lady will study the languages for her own amusement, it is well and good. But I think there are many other studies that could be pursued to more advantage. Does she attend to music? I do not know how my sisters think on this point, But their brothers would be very

sorry if Margaret were to neglect music.
She has a good voice & good taste.
My love to all
Hector

Horatio E. Van Cleave
Recd. April 2nd 1833.

Miss L. E. Van Cleave
New Haven
Conn.
Dr Abbot
from
Fort Winnebago

Fort Winnebago Nov 12.
1832

My dear Sister

Every change of the seasons reminds me forcibly of my dear home, that once was, In autumn when the foliage of the trees commences to change its ~~color~~ from green to every variety, I always loved to ride or walk about, the atmosphere is then of a moderate temperature, and the scenery charming. Loozy dear I have seen some beautiful scenery in my travels & some that was truly sublime but there are few places that can shew me prettier views than some we have about Princeton. Those that we have oft look upon together from our own windows towards the south. The views from points near the Seminary are splendid, and also from the Academy. The surface of the country is undulating & nature is seen in the forests & set in the farms that can be distinguished in every direction, where a neat white house is seen just raising its top & chimneys above the trees of a surrounding orchard. Oh my dear sister we were never so happy as when we were all together around our own fireside listening to conversation of our dear parents & of one another, And there were other dear ^{friends} with whom

we loved to meet, and from whom I hope we shall not be always separated. And then is one whom you say I used to love to see pass by daily on her way to school when I was quite a lad. But but but - let us change the subject. I am quite provoked with you for not visiting Princeton more frequently while you were in Jersey. Margaret advises me to get married and come home & you say come home & get married. I think it best not to follow the advice of either at present. You have been told that the society of young ladies at this Post is small. There are but two here now. Of one of them I can say that she has but few equals. Of the other I know but little, she being a new-comer. You may rest assured that my heart is safe. Perhaps if some of my companions were to write to you they would not be so willing to assure you of the safety of my heart as I have been. They might say there was danger when a young man called to see a young lady every day or two & sometimes twice a day, and more particularly when she was one who had but few equals, in his estimation. But you must bear in mind when I say this, that I think ~~xxxxxxx~~ has no equal, and my sister will say that she has but few, or has said so. But as I said before we must change this subject.

Cold winter is now setting in, and I find it pleasant in the twilight of evening to draw my chair near the fire and placing my feet on the pillars of the mantle piece to suffer my thoughts to wander to the far East where live my own dear sisters and brothers, and friends whom I love. My fancy paints ^{them} in various situations & employments; and my sisters are often placed together conversing with each other, of matters & things in general, and sometimes of their absent brothers. These brothers are also variously occupied but they are seldom brought together on my little picture, as seldom as they are in reality. In going about Princeton there are other friends that my fancy ~~really~~ comes in contact with; but for ~~by~~ for the present. My room mate intends to go on furlough next day and travel through some of the Eastern States. I have made him promise to call on my friends in New Haven & Jersey. He is a young man with whom you will all be much pleased. We lived together at West Point, and I have always felt towards him as towards a brother. He must be treated by you all as an old acquaintance. But I need not advise my sisters as to the manner in which they must treat a friend of their brothers. I hope you may see much of him. That's all.

Your last letter was directed as this to N. Haven
 I presume you rec^d it in due time. Give much
 love to all. The last letters I have rec^d were
 dated in August, so it long since I have heard
 from home
 Annetta.

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Mrs. Louisa E. Van Cleave
 New Haven
 Conn.



a new-comer
 is safe
 to write to

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Annetta P. Van Cleave
 November 13th 1832.



Fort Winnebago June 30. 1832

My dear Sister

It is very warm just now & of course it requires some considerable exertion to write but I must say a little now & finish on Monday. Indian disturbances have detained the mails at Galena for more than a month back consequently all your letters are lying there. I have had the happiness however of hearing that you were all well, through Lieut. D Hunter. He is here & living with me, & has almost made me home sick talking about Princeton. Mrs H is at Fort Howard & Lieut H will return there as soon as these disturbances are over.

I wish you could take a peep at this place & see what a pleasant Post we have. What fine walks, and rides, such pretty scenery, Why you would be delighted to see our gardens alone. And then every body enjoys such good health & keep in such fine spirits that you could not get the blues if you

wished. Why if I could tell some people this I could scarcely keep them from proposing for me in the spot. What think you of the Princeton Ladies Society? Can their equals be found? Perhaps so, but can I find them? There's the rub.

As Mrs Hunter is now at the Bay which is not more than 130 miles from here by land I think I will try to pay her a visit in the course of two or three months. I wish you had become acquainted with her while she was in Princeton.

July 1st I was in hopes that some news would have arrived by this time from our troops, but am disappointed. I wish these disturbances were terminated. You will no doubt soon see in some of Eastern ^{papers} terrible accounts of our cruelty towards the poor Indians, that is if we succeed in our pursuit of them. The Eastern people are much more philanthropic than those who live on the western frontiers & occasionally have to lament the loss of a brother or father by the hand of a murderous Indian. You must not think that I have become a hater of the Indian. Far from it. My opinion of them is as high as it ever was. I always wish

to see justice done them. But I must wish to see them punished when in cold blood ^{they} murder their unoffending neighbours.

I rec^d to day a book from Aunt Green & a letter from Ellen in a box of clothes. It delighted me much to hear from my dear Aunt. Ellen's letter made me blush for I promised her faithfully that I would write to her, & have frequently thought of my promise but have not yet fulfilled it. Remember me affectionately to all the family. As I think it highly probable ~~that~~ ^{my} letter will find you in Stockholm & ^{the} ~~no~~ other message to them for it is ^{impossible} ~~impossible~~ to write to Aunt Green as soon as possible. — Is it John Green's intention to go to sea again, or has he gone, or does he intend to settle down on terra firma & get married? Speaking of getting married, it may be well and proper to tell you that my heart is still as free as it was when I left the Jerseys. I have fallen in love with no one in these parts for which I might offer several reasons. One may suffice viz. there is no one to fall in love with. — If you ever hear from John tell how he carries himself, for he never writes. I may say the same of J. H. Brown; here it is again I am

continually forgetting that their letters are all de-
tained at Palama. Tell them their letters will
certainly be here in a few days. As I do
not know where George is I cannot write to
him.

Miss Louisa E. Van Allen
Lawrence Miller
et. Lersey.

July 24th 1832

Horatio

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When do you spend the summer? And how are
Mr & Mrs Condict? & what do you think of Miss Anna Louisa
Fitts? And when is Mrs going to take unto himself a
wife? And many more such silly Questions I
might ask, but I have not time. Your Affec-
tionate Horatio.

Fort Winnetago Oct 3^d 1832

My dear Sister

On Sunday last I received three charming letters from Lersey one from you, one from Mous. & one from Margaret, which not only stopped all complaints on my side but made me reproach myself for neglecting you so long. I hope to do better in future. - Hereafter you need not fear to send your letters to me although you may think I am absent from my Post, for there is no doubt but that I will receive them in due time. And hereafter when you hear of Indian wars bear in mind that they never attack a regular garrison, or a regular army they occasionally attack little squads of Militia when hard run, but they never attack regulars. And hereafter when you see newspapers filled with dire accounts of the ravages committed by the Indians deduct nine-tenths for exaggeration, divide the remaining tenth by two the numbing persons it passes through before reaching the first editors, and believe as much of the quotient as you please. We here made it a rule to believe nothing of the first account, ^{next to} nothing of the second a third of the third, & a half of the fourth & then we frequently found we had believed ten times too much. - The fact is you of the ^{East} appear to look upon the Indians as they were when our forefathers first landed on this Continent, all your ideas concerning them being collected from the histories of the pilgrims. You look upon them as a powerful people whose name is sufficient

to strike terror through all the settlements on the frontier and that one hundred would be sufficient to keep any of our garrisons in awe. We look upon the Indians & their petty wars in a very different light. They are no warriors and their disturbances such as the one of this last summer are ~~to~~ very inconvenient things as they keep us in pursuit of them some five or six months over marshes & through swamps and when they are overtaken only four or five hundred are found with their wives and children & their resistance is so feeble that only five or six of our men are killed in the skirmish while one fourth of the Indians are killed and one half of the remainder taken prisoners. Perhaps I have dwelt too long upon this subject, but I am led to it by seeing your letters filled with so much anxiety on my account. I would have written by every possible opportunity if there had been the least cause for alarm. One of the greatest inconveniences we laboured under during this "frontier war" as the newspapers called it, was the stopping of our mails. I believed we cared more about that than any thing else.

We will take it for granted that you are now in New Haven and settled down for the winter, be careful of yourself & see too that Margaret holds herself straight; teach the little Miss Gitts all the wonderful things a child can learn, and then let me know what progress she makes. She appears to be a general favourite with you all.

You say Miss N. Taylor is engaged to Mr. Atterbury. I hope she has recovered her health. As to my being token, I was token pretty completely one evening when I mistook ~~her~~ for her sister & made some inquiries about her own health. I hope I may never be so token again, or Miss token, whichever you may please to call it.

The Cholera has subsided very much in N. York from our last accounts and I would hope that it is subsiding also in Jersey but I have no data to judge from as yet. — The death of our Chief Justice occasions a severe loss to the state, one that cannot soon be repaired. ^{Perhaps} He was singled out to warn all those who trusted to their temperate and regular habits to prepare for death, as ~~they~~ ^{not sufficient} to shield them from darts of the destiny. That the Almighty may preserve my dear friends from all harm is the prayer of your brother. Heretofore I have not been at all alarmed on their account, but now I occasionally feel somewhat disturbed. My own health is as usual very good. I have enjoyed uninterrupted good health for some years for which continued thanks & praises are due, to the Almighty. — The Cholera has been at Galena & Detroit &c and some say it has been here, in a mild form, owing to the cleanliness of the Garrison, our regular habits &c. I think it may be so. This was more than a month since.

You ask whether we have any preaching here. — We have not and I cannot say when we will be thus privileged.

There are no Chaplains in the army, And as we cannot have preaching excepting by a missionary we ~~are~~ not like to hear it soon. One has been written for, with liberal offers by the Officers but no one has presented himself as yet.

I am glad to find Aunt Green improving in her health. I often think of Cherry Grove, and sh^d like much to peep in occasionally to see how they are. Few such families are to be found. We are interested with every member, both young & old

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Miss Louisa E. Van Cleave
Care of Rev. L. W. Gibbs
A few of them
Conn.



Remem^r me to Mrs Gibbs, & my sisters
for me, & the little one must have him a
day. How much love I feel. — I have said
my dear sister. May the Almighty be your
portion. Love to all your
brother, Horatio

Horatio E. Van Cleave
October 9th 1832.

With regard to your dreams, it would be rather difficult to tell whether they will or will not prove to be true. Of course no exertions will be spared on my part to win the object you value so highly. No one can think more highly of her good & lovely qualities than myself. And there is no one whose judgement I would confide in, sooner than yours. I will say no more on this subject at present. — Both you & Houston gave me accounts of John that please me much. I have not yet rec^d a letter from him. — Tell Margaret her letter delighted me.

Fort Winnebago. June 16 1832

My dear sister — Your letter was rec^d yesterday
I need not say that it caused my heart to beat
quickly with joy to hear from my dear sister. It is
now more than eight months since I have seen you
and that is the only I have heard from New Ha-
ven excepting once or twice in a letter from Jesse
a count of yourself, your studies, &c & of
your little pet, and of all the family pleased me
much. It adds much to our happiness to hear
that our dear friends who may be separated far
are well and happy. I would judge
from your letter that you were all well, that
you spent your time pleasantly & that you were
as could be expected. I am sorry to
hear that Mr Gibbs had been sick with the diffe-
rence that before this you have paid your
visit to Jersey & have returned to New Haven & that
your mate Phivia has also returned. You
had hardly spent when you found your-
self among your cousins, aunts & uncles. You
about and looked at every thing &
to see whether they were the same &
left them. Of course every body said
that you had changed very much & that they hardly
knew you. And you thought it strange that should
find any difficulty on that point when you recog-
nized them so easily.

My dear Margaret I trust you will pursue your trade liberty I have taken in opening your letter I have
known how anxious I have felt and still more particularly how it is interested in that our plans and prospects are so dear and so far removed - I hope to hear
from you soon. I am very anxious to hear from you and to hear of your progress in your studies and of your little pet. I am also very anxious to hear of all the family and of how they are getting on. I am sure you will be very happy to hear from me and to hear of all the family and of how they are getting on. I am sure you will be very happy to hear from me and to hear of all the family and of how they are getting on.

Enough has been said now about you & the Yankee folk
of the Jersey people, & it is time to say something about
myself and my neighbours &c. But as this will take
some time and it is now late it would be well
for me to go to bed & dream on it.
My neighbours are the Red men of the forest, of
whom you have frequently read in books as being the first
owners of our country; living by the chase and by fishing &
continually engaged in wars against each other.
Those living east of the Mississippi are a very different
people from what they were before the Whites became their
neighbours. The proximity of a Christian people has
not benefitted this heathen race. The Whites have intro-
duced intoxicating liquors among them, & by making them
drunkards have made them brutes. You must not
understand by this that those around us
are intemperate. There are no white settlements
near enough to injure them, but they are rapidly
extending in this direction.
We have another set of neighbours of which per-
haps you have read as much as of the former. I re-
fer to the wild beasts which civilization is driving
westward with the Indians. I have seen but few
of these however. The Indians kill many.
There is not much fruit in this country. Wild Straw-
berries are abundant and they are the only kind
that I have yet seen. Cherries, pears, plums &c have
yet been introduced; But all kinds of vegetables
raised in our gardens, and in great abundance.

tribe of Indians from the west of the Mississippi
have been committing depredations a little south
and has killed some whites. Some of our troops
have marched against them and it is hoped that
they will overtake & punish them, & that severely.
In your next letter you must give me an account
of your visit to Jersey. Tell me how you spent your
time and how you were pleased. It was a pleasant
visit no doubt! and it will gratify me to hear of
Miss Olivia if she did not want to see Mr. Haven
before she had been in Jersey a month. I want to
know who you played chess with during the winter,
what books you read and how many times in the
day you kissed Anna. You must kiss her for me at
least once a week, if not once a day. You must know
I only kissed her on the forehead but
now you may kiss her any where on the face.
And you must teach her to call my name as
soon as possible, which may be soon.
You hear from Princeton occasionally I sup-
pose. I hope they are all well. I don't hear from
them often (I refer to my brothers & sisters). (Neither
I write to them often but much ~~more~~ often than
I do to me. I have got tired of answering the
last letter three or four times. No doubt many
letters must miscarry, which should induce us
to write oftener. I wrote to sister Mary Anna the
day after I arrived at this post & sent the letter

Tell sister L. she positively must write to me next week, that is this week is
which this will reach you, for I can be patient no longer. Tell her I am an
old man & she must write to me next week, that is this week is

Reference to the fact that Mary and I are going to go that
together the budget they have brought has begun to arrive - that they also made this
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together the budget they have brought has begun to arrive - that they also made this

to St Louis. By Major Asher Phillips (Pay master) whose
 mother lives opposite Uncle Brown's. I am afraid sister
 did not receive this letter, or perhaps she had not ^{yet} re-
 ceived my last when you wrote. I have written three
 and she mentioned only two. — You see by my an-
 swering you letter so soon that I was not sorry
 to receive it. By the bye I suppose sister Louisa is

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~~HPV~~
 Miss M. F. Vanelev
~~Lawrenceville Ch. of Rev. Mr. Phillips~~
 New Jersey
~~Chas. Brown~~
~~Ann~~



is with you now. She must write to me soon &
 you must write as soon as you get this. I want
 to hear from you whether you write much or little
 Love to All. Your affectionate Brother
 Horatio

Friday 16th / 1834

I wrote a long letter some days ago in very good spirits. So not
trouble yourself about this little foolish incident which I have related
it is a mere school girl whim. Tell me when you expect to leave
for N. York. How long shall you stay there. Dear Peggy don't you
answer this to-morrow if you can get time. I shall expect to write
me before you leave N. Haven. Give my love to your dear sister. Keep dear
little of me for she will believe me your affectionate

Charlotte

Could you know the happiness
in receiving your note this morning
I have been amply repaid for
writing it although I am
sorry you to believe that
it will not trouble. It came in
just time I had the chance
they arose from a circumstance
late to you not that it
you but I must have done
with me and then
to school. I could open my book
as to you. Tell friend
at Fort Mifflin who have
and who was acquainted
pretty relations. He let her
write me. But let
and come down to see me
go on with my story
two of my room-mates
came took it into hand
up so late as they
kept a wake "for" said some
we were going to have a
there was quite a party
that it and husband
quite late. Between nine
undressed as did the rest

but M. and J. placed chairs before
the window in order to enjoy the moon
and stars and to be able to hear
plainly in case of a serenade. I decide
down on the bed but got up several
times as I knew it was not necessary
for me to go to bed until 10. o'clock
that hour I went to bed and left the
girls (who should have been prepared
for bed) at the window. It was im-
possible to sleep while they were talking
but I had just fallen into a doze
(about half past eleven) when the
"air was filled with gentle sounds" came
the soft music of the serenade stole
softly on my ear and I watched
me from the arms of Morpheus.

The girls of course were in ecstasies. During
the serenade I got up several times (which
M. & A. allow us to do) but did not stay
up but a very short time. When the music
had ceased I tried my best to get some
sleep and spoke several times to the girls asking
them to go to bed for I knew that M.
& A. would discover them. But of
no avail. She did see them from
the porch and told them to go dis-
creetly to bed. ~~This was~~ But this
was not enough. They did come to bed
after a great while but kept on in
and talking for some time. I was however

soon got to sleep but C. kept awake
until 1.0 o'clock. This morning just got
breakfast M. & A. saw J. C. and my
~~self~~ but the hall and spoke to them
quite severely about sitting up so late
contrary to her rules. Just as she had finish-
ed I popped by and she turning round
to me said "did you sit up last night
Miss Clark"? "No ma'm" said I. "I went
to bed between 9 and 10." She looked
much pleased and said "that was right"
"you are a good and obedient girl and
I wish your companions would follow y^r
example." Then it was that "green-eyed
monster" crept into the
mind of my fair friends and from that
time to this I have heard nothing but
taunts thrown at me by J. - C. has
remained silent. I will give you a
specimen of what I mean. I was sitting
on the bed just ~~after~~ before school
having quit of the "blue" exclaimed
"Oh! how I wish I was at home."
"O said J. I should suppose you would like
this place very much. You seem to have gained
your point that of "getting in" with
M. & A. I know that if I spoke
I should say more than was proper so I
bit my lip and remained silent. "This day
I have not told M. & A. the truth pretty
fear is it not? But I say nothing

In a few days she will feel sorry and
 apologize etc. I like her just as much
 as ever only I think she is better. You
 have delivered your message to her and
 the days she lives in on the 17th 1798
 pages. I do not much believe you will come
 to school this week. and dearest Maggie if
 you can ~~you will be~~ ^{please} your staying home
 by far the best ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~best~~ ^{best} ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~best~~ ^{best}
 it leave her paper and ~~account~~ ^{account} ~~alone~~ ^{alone}

Mary Olmstead
 Sister

Mary Olmstead
 Sister

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Fort Winnebago

Nov. 23^d 1855

Dear Sister

A letter from John by the
last mail informed me that he expected
to start for Dayton soon, and that Nos
was about leaving for St. Orleans. I pre-
sume that by this time Houston is at the
end of his voyage; and that, on this reach-
es Dayton, John will be with you. I
feel very anxious about both of our dear
brothers. Houston has gone on an expedition
to the South, and John intends to go West-
ward. Both have the same object in view:
Both are dissatisfied with their prospects in
the East, and hope to better their conditions
by emigrating to some distant land. May
God be with them and bless & prosper
them. John is now a father and feels
still more than he did before, the necessity
of providing for the future. He is ready
to make any sacrifice, but he must find
it very painful to think of taking Antoinette
from her friends, and from the best of Society

to lead her among strangers, where he may be obliged to introduce her to society not at all suited for one of her education, and disposition. Still Antoinette appears to be not only ready but willing to follow him wherever he may think it is for his interest to go. She is, Louisa dear, a most devoted and excellent wife; we must all admire her; I believe we all not only admire but love her. — I hope John may find some place in Ohio where he can locate himself advantageously.

I wrote to you while we were in the Mississippi. We arrived here on the 5th of this month after a very tedious, uncomfortable, and fatiguing journey. We hired a carriage to bring us from Galena; our first days ride was quite pleasant; the second day it rained, and on the third and last day we suffered considerably from the cold. We found Mary Clark very ill, and in a day or two after our arrival, Charlotte and Ellen were taken sick. Charlotte recovered in a few days; Ellen is still an invalid.

Mary, poor girl, has been sick six or eight weeks; at one time the physician attending her gave up all hopes of her recovery. She was then laboring under a violent fever, and a dis-

order in one of her legs. The fever has left her, and her leg is recovering, but her constitution, which was before delicate, has been much shattered. What the disease in her leg is, I cannot say; the physicians at the time thought it was Necrosis, (a disease of the bones), but it is not certain that the bone has been affected. We cannot expect to see her restored to health before some months. She has suffered a great deal of pain; but has borne it all with much patience and astonishing fortitude. — Mrs Clark is well, but must suffer much from fatigue and anxiety. She is obliged to hold Ellen in her arms a great deal. — Charlotte has recovered her health, and looks very well. My health and strength are improving.

Nov. 24th Charlotte rec^d a letter from Margaret this evening; I am glad my sisters do not intend to forget her. May writes in very good spirits, and we take it for granted that all are well.

We often think ^{and} talk of you, sister dear, and we sometimes venture to speak of our disappointment. The ladies of the Garrison have also spoken of their disappointment at your not coming with me. I hope, Louisa dear, you are spending your time pleasantly with your Dayton friends. Dayton appears to be a very pleasant place, and I think I sh^d

like very much to like them. — You remember
I told you I had a jet slide for you. I did
not discover till I was near my journey's end
that I had neglected to send it by express.
I thought every thing I had for you was in our
trunk, but I was mistaken. The slide and
a pair of down sleeves are in safe keeping

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Miss Louisa A. Van Cleve
Care Dr. G. Phillips Esq

Dayton

Ohio

over. My respects to Mrs. Van Cleve.
Charlotte sends her love to you.

and shall be at your service the next
time we meet. I got the articles you wished,
for Charlotte, and she was very much pleased
with them. They and my breast-pin are all
very pretty. — Give much love to uncle & Cousins
Remember me particularly to Mrs. Thurston & if
John is with you, much love to him. Kiss the little

New York Sept 4th 1835

My own dear sister

Your last two letters have deserved speedy answers, but I have been waiting, in order that I might learn something more positive about the time of my leaving here. It is still a matter of doubt, but we hope to learn about the 20th. We would leave sooner but it will be difficult for Mrs. Clark to make all necessary preparations before that time. It will take about a week to reach Dayton, I suppose.

You do not know I raise here how much happiness you have caused us, by your decision. I can not think that you will be intruding in May's Clark's family. I would not have asked you to accompany us, if on our return this fall, had not both Major and Mrs. Clark been anxious that you should do so. You do not know how much you will add to your brother's happiness, to Charlotte's happiness, to the happiness of us all. — The rest of your friends must consent to share ^{you} for a short time.

Your clothes &c are ordered. I hope they will suit you. — If the shoes do not fit we can exchange them with our Sattler who generally has a large supply, from New York.

Cousin Dick is here and took tea with John last Wednesday evening. He looks very well.

He says he left you all well. I am impatient
to see you all, and only regret that I will not have
more time to spend in Dayton. Give much love
to uncle, and cousin Mariaanna.

My ^{health} has improved very much, within a few weeks.
Mother & I are together and well and send much
love. Charlotte was obliged to leave school
about three weeks before the vacation on account
of her health. She is now, apparently, very well.

She sends much love to you and I am very
pleasantly excused for not writing. They are too
long for me to put on paper; she must tell you

how she feels. I received your letter and was
glad to hear that you were well. I expect the
rest of your family are well too.

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Dear Sony,

Your gallant brother brought me this sheet
that I made might add a line saying that I had by no
means forgotten you, dearest Sony I am in ^{extreme} to think
you are going with us home we shall have such nice
times you will I am sure be delighted at least I hope
you will. I have a great deal to tell you and although
I can hardly realize it, I shall if God permits tell
them to you with my mouth. You cannot think how happy
we shall all be to have you with us next winter.

Talk of your being a day upon our kindness
Why dearest we shall be grateful to you for staying with us
I hope that nothing may happen to disappoint us but if
it is ordered otherwise then we now anticipate many we be
be resigned to our Heavenly Parents will and believe that all
that He does is for the best. Ma and all send love.

Ma says be sure and keep to your determination of
going with us. Your loving brother desires me to put his
name at the bottom of his epistle.

Yours fondly
Charlotte.

Your affectionate brother
Horatio.

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Mrs. Louisa E. Van Cleave



A. L. Phillips Esq.

Dayton

Ohio



Baltimore Aug. 13th 1835-

Sister dear, it is with much pain that I sit down to write this letter to you; I know it will cause you sorrow, but I cannot feel half so deeply as your brother does. I had set my heart on this visit, and now to be disappointed is very trying to me. But I must still hope to see you this fall. I arrived here last evening from Washington, where I went to apply for an extension of my leave of absence. After waiting several days to learn the good pleasure of Gen. Macomb, I was informed that he could not extend it. I then called upon him again and after some little talk on the subject he told me, he would not extend it. There upon I bid him good morning. This obliges me to return to New York and make preparations to return to my post. I will try to arrange it so that I can go by the way of Dayton.

When I left the General I determined to go to Dayton at all hazards, and immediately engaged a seat, for this city, in the rail road car; but the fatigue, from riding a short distance cooled my ire somewhat, and

by the time I reached here my eyes were sufficiently opened to see the folly of such a step.

We may, some day, see that it is intended by the Almighty for my good. Owing to debility, I suffer much fatigue from very little exertion, and I have sometimes feared that the journey might prove to be more than my strength could bear. I hope however that my health is improving.

I cannot write more at present. — God bless you Louisa dear. Give much love to all, and believe that you are very dear to your brother
Aratus.

P.S. I may leave N. York for Dayton about the 10th or 12th of September. I hope so.



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Miss Louisa E. Van Cleave
Care of H. G. Phillips Esq.
Dayton
Ohio

Philadelphia August 5th 1835

My dear sister.

I left Princeton yesterday, - being much improved in health and spirits, - in company with Brother Nours. On the canal barge, we had a rather amusing companion, in the shape of a gentleman who was insane. He told me that he was insane, and that in conversation he was apt to become too much excited; but, added he, I think I am quite sane to day. - If however you think at any time that I am talking rather too much, just place your finger on your lips, and I'll understand you; - for I sometimes talk too much and injure myself in the eyes of others. - He spoke of being in the hospital and of the manner in which he was treated there. It is very melancholy to see one afflicted in this way. - Princeton had but few, very few attractions for me & I left it without any regrets. It is far from being what it once was to me. I felt

as if I were a stranger. And, indeed, I was so, for I saw but few faces that were familiar to me, & there were but few who recognized me. I was but little at Lawrenceville. Aunt Green had not changed much. She has the same kind heart, she used to have; Cornelia has improved in appearance. Aunt & Cornelia are the only females at home; how strange it appeared to me! how different from former times!—

When I return to St. Haven I will, no doubt, find that you have not been practicing music in vain. My expectations will not be too high, however. You must let me know, if you write to me, when I am in Daytown, what progress you make. I expect to be there on the 17th if not sooner, and may not remain there over two weeks; perhaps not so long.

It rains to-day and your humble servant keeps in doors. Houston is well; Uncle, as usual. — Give much love to Sister and Chen. Lotte; Remember me to Mr. Gibbs; kiss the little ones; My respects to Mr. Stephens. I hope to meet you all in September in good health. — Very affectionately

Your brother Horatio

Aug. 7th It is a trite saying that a mile is as good as a mile. — This was verified this morning when I found the Steamboat for Baltimore, had just left the dock as I arrived there. I am not apt to be too late (never before having been left behind.) but I was very much afraid of getting up too early; and after all, the blame falls entirely upon my own shoulders. — I do not regret it much, however, for it is a charming morning and we can look about to see what is to be seen. — Uncle Houston has a letter from Louisa, dated July 23^d, in which she speaks of returning to the East this fall. She was very well. — I should like much to be with you now in St. Haven for I feel much better than I did, while there. I would pay you most devoted attention.

Aunt Brown's portrait is here. There is a very strong resemblance, but it is not an exact likeness of aunt as she was in '31 when I last saw her. — Uncle Brown does not appear to me to be a good likeness. Love to all. Good bye. — Ruth

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Princeton July 27th 1835-

My dear Sister

I have written to Mary Anna and John A. day, and now have scarcely time to say much to my dear Louisa. - You see I am still in Princeton. It was not my intention to have remained here more than two or three days, but Dr. Howell thought it necessary for my health. I hope now to leave here on the 5th of August and be in Dayton in twelve days afterwards.

The Doctor says my liver is somewhat disordered, but thinks it may be restored to its proper action, by dieting and a course of Mercury. I am growing weary of remaining here and am very anxious to prosecute my journey westward. If you were here the case would be different. Princeton, Sister dear, is not to me what it once was. I know but few, and am scarcely known. Still I find some very dear friends. Mr & Mrs Voorhees have always been very kind, and sincere friends. - I have as yet seen but

little of my old flame. She is said to be very sweet &c. &c. &c. The &c's measure, amiable, interesting, lovely, and such like expressions. I must not draw comparisons, but when I see you I will have much to say to you. Suffice it to say, for the present: I have ^{seen} some very fine young ladies, some who are very much admired; yet the more I see the more proud do I feel of my choice. — To all this you say: Nonsense, — so let us change the subject. — I was made to feel very proud from another quarter, a few days since. Uncle Brown was speaking of one of my dear sisters, — it was neither the oldest nor the youngest, — and remarked that she had not her equal in the world.

To this you may also say: Nonsense, — so we will again change the subject.

At Aunt Green's I found my box of instruments in excellent keeping; and my shirts, which please me very much. At uncle B's I got my portfolios and books. All were safe.

When I see you, I wish to have a long talk about your plans for spending

the winter. I wish you to make it appear to yourself, expedient that you sh^d return with me to Fort Winnebago. I may not be offering my sister a very pleasant prospect for the winter, but nothing so add more to my happiness. You see how selfish I am. Louisa dear I know I sh^d not ask this of you. It is more than I dare expect; still I cannot avoid thinking of it. You have given me some glimmerings of hope that you may visit us next summer. But we can discuss this subject soon I hope, at our leisure.

I must now bid you good night. — One word more, — If you accompany us, I think it probable that Mr Woodbridge will consent to let his eldest daughter, a charming young lady, accompany us also.

For the present farewell. May the Almighty shower his choicest blessings upon my dear sister. Love to all.

Very affectionately

Yours J. ratios.

Mous is with me & sends his love.



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Miss L. E. Waubleve
Care of A. G. Phillips Esq.

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Dayton
Ohio



New Haven July 14. 1833

My dear Lucy

I believe I am not now indebted to you for a letter, but I often have been much longer than I should be so. I hope it will not be unacceptable. Horatio has at last arrived. He reached N. H. the day before the 1st. John & Antoinette came up with him and spent rather more than a week. They left yesterday morning. Charlotte & her mother left here on Thursday to spend a short time at Greens Farms & Horatio will go day after tomorrow & return on Saturday. We were all sorry to find Horatio's health far from good, & most of his journey which he spent in travelling instead of seeing his friends. He expects to go to Cincinnati on horseback, & perhaps return on horseback. N. Haver air is particularly injurious to him. I hope his journey will be beneficial. The Doctor thinks it will be an excellent thing for him to spend the next winter at the north, the climate at Minneapolis is too rigorous for him, but that he is unwilling to do, he has been separated from Charlotte so long. He talks a good deal of your returning to Minneapolis with him & seems to desire it very much. We have frequently heard Charlotte speak of her cousin Maudsels Woodbridge. C. thinks it not improbable she will return with them, they are all very anxious she should, and as you will have no place to stay but Mrs Clark's, I fear your quarters will be crowded. Your own good judgment together with Uncle Phillips' will show you what is best. It would delight Horatio & gratify yourself. But the journey is long, and I think such a journey needs much consideration, particularly as our means are not unlimited. But here I am preaching away to my elders like a sage, so I will say no more, only dear Lucy do you think we will ever

will live together again & be so happy in each other's
society. I have never yet seen Long find pleasure in
any mis-else society compared to yours. I say my
best friend, though I have no reason to complain of
any but every reason to love them. Poor & telling on
my head & passing away his time between reading &
writing, a few moments ago I said to him & he
then asked him how he would like you & I to remain
maiden & teach school as the Misses Baunard did.
I told him I thought it would be very pleasant
but I did not like the maiden appellation.
A very good resource certainly when all other resources
fail, but with you there is little danger of that you
have too many good friends & your company is too
much in demand, but alas with me it is different.
But I do hope I shall improve as I advance in years.
Perhaps you will be surprised to hear I have a
piano of a very good one. Horatio at least wrote
to John to purchase one & very cheap one to com-
mence on and send it as soon as possible, he
wrote again telling him to wait a little. John
afterwards went on to Princeton, Horatio could not
decide & he wished me to wait but commence at
once & take lessons. That would have been a very expen-
sive plan as I could have had little opportunity to prac-
tise & my instruction which is expensive would
have been very much lost to me. I should not
have done it. When Horatio reached N.Y. & John
told him about it, he told him John he would
give a hundred dollars & they started off and
got me an excellent three hundred dollar piano. I fear
Horatio will be vexed. I have often wished he
had never said any thing about it. I fear it will
make trouble. I know sister used to oppose it &
Horatio seemed sometimes to feel hurt that she
would not give him more influence over me. I ab-

had a strong desire to learn music & ~~if I could~~ ^{this spring} spoke
very ~~strongly~~ strenuously about it. But I think I should
have as strenuously opposed it if I had antici-
pated the difficulties. If Horatio had not been
so undecided but spoke for me this spring when
the market was grooved with them & excellent
ones were frequently selling at auction I could have
had one for much less. But I do think the expense
of music is beyond me and as my education pre-
viously had been so expensive I ought have been
content without it. But now as it is purchased
I shall take much pains. ^{To begin} I wish you were here
that I might impart my teachers instructions to
you every day. I hope sometime we may have the
pleasure of performing it together.
A. W. remains I believe very much as you left it. The
people in it with whom you were acquainted. Sophia
is still young, lively & disengaged. Mrs Olmsted
has been extremely ill, & her life was quite im-
paired of. but she is now convalescent. She
at one time her very violent convulsions within 12 hours
owing the Doctor thought to her neglecting to be bled.
She had suffered very much in her head from
intense pain but she was unwilling to be bled &
the consequence was what I stated. She had a little
boy, which died the next morning after it was born.
I long to hear from you. How you are pleased with
this after so long a stay & c. c. I write to me very
soon & let it be a good long letter & I trust &
intend you shall have a good long answer in return.
Horatio wants to write a few lines & I intend leav-
ing him the corners. I feel deeply indebted to Horatio
for his gift & I hope you will tell him what you
know I must feel, but I do not like to thank
him myself. So dear Long do you for me. Now
don't forget for the world that you have just this
thanks which you yourself would feel in a similar re-

Dear Sister. I hope to see you about the middle
of August. It is thought best for me to make my journey
on horse back, on account of my health. The
air of the sea board does not agree with my
constitution. — I have but a very short time to
spend with my friends here.

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HPV

Miss Louisa E. Vancleave

at G. Phillips Esqrs

Dayton

Ohio

Much love to all and thank much to you
self from your devoted brother A. A. A. A.

N^o 704 Broadway New York

June 30th 1835

Dear Peggy

I have barely time to tell you
to look for me next Friday (July 3.rd)

It is probable that John & Antoinette will
accompany me. — Tell Charlotte that

her mother, ^{Malcolm} and Ellen will be with us;

Much love to her and to you all from
your brother R. B. H.

HPV

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Miss M. F. Van Cleve
Care of Rev. J. W. Gibbs
New Haven
Conn.



Fort Winnebago April 21st 1835

My dear Sister Louisa

I rec^d your sweet letter of March 4th 1835 by the last mail, and you perceive that although I write but seldom, my dear Louisa's letters do not lie long unanswered. Still it appears that my answers are not long; for my sister chided me, - but as a sister chides, - for placing my words and lines so far apart on a small sheet of paper; reminding me at the same time that the quantity contained on a sheet was inversely as the spaces and distances. Some apologies might here be offered, but if any are necessary it will be better to give them next summer when I see you at Dayton, if it be God's will that I sh^d meet you there. When we meet Louisa dear I intend to make a proposition to you - No, I will not; for I cannot, - I dare not, hope that you w^d accede to it. I will mention it now, - that you may think upon it sometime, when you have nothing else to meditate upon, - but I do not ask you to say 'yes,' for this w^d be adding to my happiness at too great an expense to your comfort. It is this sister dear: That you sh^d return here with me next fall. - I know Louisa, that it w^d be better for you, and far more pleasant, to spend the winter in Phil^a with Uncle Houston & brother Hous; for there, besides being with them, you w^d be surrounded with excellent society, and have many opportunities for improvement and many privileges that you w^d not possess in this wilderness. All that I can offer you, are the attentions of a brother to whom you are very dear. There are others who are very desirous that you sh^d come. Charlotte's parents, both wish me to urge you to do so. And Major Clark, says, if you are anxious to return to the East next spring he will take you there, for he intends going to West Point at that time to see his son.

If more had been said on this subject than is necessary, - feeling assured, as I do, that you will never listen to, - it is because I have thought on it much and often. It has already been acknowledged that my feelings on this subject were altogether selfish; for I do not for a moment suppose that you c^d spend your time as pleasantly in^{the} society of but a few friends, as you c^d surrounded by many who were dear

to you. Next summer I will listen to your refusal, for as was before remarked, - I dare not hope. I will now bid you good night; retire to rest myself and perhaps dream that my sister Louisa is living with my good friends at Fort Winnebago. It is unnecessary for me to describe, at present, those with whom you will live - I mean Charlotte's parents, for you will hear of them when I see you. You will live with Charlotte, - till July 1836. After that you will live with me, - I do not say you will not live with her also. Louisa dear, I know you can never listen to this, but if my sister would consent to spend a year or two with me, it would add much, very much to my happiness. -

Ap. 28th This letter has been sent off by the last mail, but it is probable that it will now reach Dayton before you. I told you in my last that it was my intention to pay Uncle Phillips a visit during the summer, and that you must go with Uncle Brown by all means. I hope you rec^d the letter before you left. I expect to spend about a week or ten days in New Haven; as much time in New York; a day in Princeton; one or two days in Lawrenceville; and a few days in Philadelphia; and then go directly to Dayton. You must not look for me before the first of August. - When in Princeton I will of course pay Janet a visit. She must have improved very much since I saw her, and there is no doubt but that she has many admirers, and perhaps she may ere long cause many hearts to ache. I wish much to see Mr & Mrs Voorhees. I have always considered them as our best friends, and it grieves me much to learn that Mrs V does not enjoy good health.

When I go to Princeton I will not find one of our family remaining there. How different Louisa dear, from what it was but a few years since. How well do I remember the old mansion, every thing connected with it, - the yard, the garden, the fruit trees, and the old dog. - My conscience has often reproached me for suffering poor Blucher to be killed. But we thought he was in misery. I remember when our dear father first brought him home in his handkerchief. He was then but a few weeks old. I should like to roam over the house and the premises when I visit Princeton, but it is now in the possession of strangers. I expect to find

considerable improvement in the town next summer. I should go all the way by water if I wished. Now we do to take a canoe; man it with Indians; go down Fox river; cross the Lake go from Buffalo to Albany on the Canal; then go down the Hudson; pay a visit to New Haven; return to New York and paddle up to St. Brunswick and then take the canal to Princeton.

We would no doubt attract much attention, and have our names in the papers. - If you return with me I will provide you a ride in a bank canoe. In fall we may come up Fox river in one. And then there are prairies to be seen, and deer and wolves, and diverse wild animals, and wild fowls; and if you are fond of the study of botany there are wild flowers in abundance. Besides all these, there are wild men and wild women and children. You can study the manners and customs of the aborigines and their language and make a dictionary of the Winnebago language (for Mr Gibbs). The fact is you could spend your time here very pleasantly for a year or two. But sister dear I should not talk on this subject for I will make myself believe that you will come, and thereby preclude disappointment for myself. But still I love to talk of it, and render myself into the conviction that you will be with me next winter, for then I feel happy. - St. B. We have no heart to offer you. -

I am anxious to see Houston, to hear how he is pleased with the merchantile business. It is to be feared that it will not suit him well. It is very important, ^{that he} should determine soon what he will do. - Does he ever talk of Sally? - I used to think he was attached to her. It gratifies me exceedingly to hear that John is doing well, and to learn that you think so highly of his wife. John wrote to me a short time since in answer to a letter I wrote to him, last fall, congratulating him on his marriage. The next time he gets married he must not expect congratulations from me. - I should like to know how you are pleased with the western country; whether it surpasses your expectations or falls beneath them; whether or no you prefer it to the East. What you think of the Society, &c; But I cannot learn this till I see you. You will, no doubt, find much to interest you, and you will be benefited by the journey. I believe you have never traveled much, excepting between Philadelphia and New Haven and to Troy. - You would like to see the interior of New York, the falls of Niagara and the Lakes

and a genuine wilderness. Would you not?— I know you will laugh at me, but I care not how much you laugh, & you cannot do return with me.— You see this letter is taking it for granted that you are in Dayton. I hope you find Uncle Phillips well and in good spirits and his children & children's children well and happy. Dick is engaged in merchantile business and is, no doubt, doing well, Elizabeth is in Cincinnati, & Mary Anna with her father. Give my love to all.

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Portsmouth N.H.
April 30th 1840

Miss Louisa E. Van Buren
Care of W.G. Phillips Esq.

Dayton
Ohio

I must now bid you farewell, remember
doing you to the same and keeping of the liberty
With much affection your friend
Charles

If there is any thing that I can do for you in New York or the East, write to me and direct to New York to the care of John I expect to be in New York the latter part of June.

Our Spring comes much later than it does in Jersey; as a proof of it, we have just commenced gardening. But as a compensation, vegetation has a far more rapid growth, than it has farther South. We have the extremes of heat and cold, but the climate is remarkably dry and healthy.

Fort Winnebago March 20th 1835

My dear Sister

Your very sweet letter was rec^d this evening and I hasten to answer^{for} it may be important that you sh^d know what my plans are for the next summer.

If I receive my furlough, of which there is no doubt, it is my intention to go by the way of the Lakes, Detroit, Buffalo &c. After spending a short time in N. York, N. Haven, N. Jersey, and Philadelphia, I intend to go to Washington City, & from there to Cincinnati, where I hope to meet you & uncle Brown.

Some difficulties, and considerable delay might attend a journey by the way of the Mississippi & Ohio. But if I go to the East first & then to Cincinnati, I will have more time to spend with my friends there, ^(in Cincinnati) than I wd have if I were to go to Cincinnati on my route to the East. —

I hope you will accept of uncle Phillips' invitation by all means. It will be a very plea-

Sant trip for you, that is, if Uncle Brown goes.

God willing you may depend upon seeing me in Cincinnati. — It is probable that Mrs Clark may wish to visit Cincinnati on her return. In that case you may see me there twice. —

It is hardly necessary to say any thing about the shirts for you will be "packing up," when you receive this, and will not have time to attend to them, in all probability. Nevertheless I will send you directions, which I trust you will find very simple. — Namely: One dozen made of the size & pattern of Houston's. — Great but not gaudy. — As Houston is in Philadelphia you may not know the size. If you cannot get his have them made from George's, with the sleeves two or three inches longer than his, for my arms are very long.

I rec^d a letter from Charlotte with yours. Her letter was filled with good news. Mrs Apthorp has given her permission to answer my letters. What think you of it? — I have had to finish a letter to Maggy this evening, and the mail will close soon, and so must this letter. — I am sorry I have not more time to write

I wish much to see Uncle Brown, & George. Remember me to them very affectionately. And give my love to Aunt Green & family. Remember me to Richard Green's family.

I am growing very impatient to see you all.

I am well dear Sister, May the Almighty bless & protect you wherever you may be.

Yours with much love
Auntie's.

I hope you will be able to see Mrs Clark. For she is certainly a charming woman — one who is very dear to me. When I see her I will tell you many things that will make you love her. — I have not yet had time to kiss my little pets for you but intend to do it to-morrow.

One word more about the shirts. You may have them made of cotton with linen bosoms &c. Or, six made in this way, and six entirely of linen; just as you think best. — If you have not time to attend to them, never mind them.

Port Wm Baygo
Mar 25 1880

HPV

Miss Louisa E. Van Cleave
Care of Rev. J. V. Brown
Lawrenceville
New Jersey.



Steam Boat Galena

Miss. River Oct 27th 1835

My dear Sister

You see I am yet on a steam boat. Our passage thus far has been very tedious, but we have much reason to be thankful for we have been blessed with good health and have met with no accident by the way. We left Cincinnati on the 15th and Louisville the next morning. We had a very tedious passage to St Louis, about half of our time being spent on sand bars in the Ohio. At St Louis we found this boat bound to Galena and immediately came aboard of her. We are now detained at the Des Moines rapids, but expect to be at Galena by the next Friday, and at Winnebago on the following Wednesday.

We have thought much of you during our journey, and of the pleasure your society would have afforded us, by the way, and through the next winter. My poor girl seldom thinks of her disappointments without shedding tears. She was so confident of seeing you in Cin-

cincinnati that she and her mother had engaged lodgings for you in the house in which they had lived, and when I told them that you were not with me, they would not be convinced that I was not jesting till I showed them your letter. I know that they were then deeply disappointed. From your letter Mrs Clark & Charlotte, were both led to think that you did not accompany us because you felt a delicacy about intruding (as you called it) in Major Clark's family. They thought it was strange logic, when Charlotte had spent so much time in Sister's family. As for your paying us a visit next summer, they have no more idea of seeing you than I have, and you may rest assured that I have not the least idea of seeing you at Wincboro.

But why do I speak on this subject, it is always a painful one to me.

I hope you are spending your time pleasantly at Dayton; In fact you can't spend it otherwise among so many friends. I would have been glad to have remained there some weeks, but we had a long and tedious journey before us and I knew that delay would render it more so, I consequently felt that it was necessary to hurry from you. When we shall meet

again, God only knows. In the meantime we must trust ourselves to his care and keeping. Uncle Phillips' family are all dear to me, and I feel deeply under their kindness to me. — In Cincinnati I made those purchases you wished. Charlotte's comb and slide please her very much, and my pin which I trust will be worn not a little will always remind me of my dear Sister Louisa, if a remembrance is necessary. — Charlotte wishes to add a few lines. — Farewell Sister dear. God bless you, and all Uncle's family. Kiss the little ones for me. Remember me to your mother and give my best respects to John & to your Edg. to
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Your Brother Francis

P.S. Do you wish me to write your name "Louisa A." or "Louisa E."

My darling Louy

Your dear brother has written you all about our tedious journey, and he mentioned also something about our dreadful disappointment. Now I tell you Louisa, what a disappointment it was to me! ~~When I~~ I think that I had set my heart so much upon it, and made so sure of spending a delightful winter with you, at our house. I thought of it by day and it formed the subject of my dreams; I hardly dare think of it now because O. Louisa, my darling Louisa, I had not thought of being disappointed thus. O my God, teach me I pray thee to say ~~that~~ that all things thy will are ordered for the best.

When I get home I will try and write you a long letter, and if I can find it in my heart to do so, I will scold you (as I intended to this time if my heart had not failed me) about speaking of intruding; how long did I stay with your dear sister in N. Haven? Say Miss

Dear Misses Anna &
John

Miss Louisa E. Van Buren
and J. G. Phillips Esq.

Dayton Ohio

Sony! Did you look upon me as an intruder? I hoped not. But it is getting so late that did I feel ever so much inclined I could scold you no longer. Mother desires to be remembered. Good night my dearest Louisa. God protect and bless you and all with whom you are connected is the earnest prayer of your fondly attached Charlotte

Post Munchago

July 1st 1833

Dear Miss

I have read with great pleas-
ure the charming epistle you have been so good as to write me.
Although it was directed to your brother, I have nevertheless
claimed it as my own, inasmuch as it was written in re-
ply to a letter I had penned and signed with my own prop-
er signature & I am truly sorry you do not believe in my
identity, as I had taken pleasure in introducing myself
to your acquaintance, and had flattered myself you would re-
ceive my bow with a gracious complaisance. At the same
time, I cannot help deriving much consolation from the
flattering compliment you have paid me, in mistaking me
for your brother, and in regarding my letter, as worthy of being
credited to your brother him. Poor Nash will not thank
you for doing me honor at his expense, & I should not be sur-
prised if ^{you} were to hear from him on the subject. Though he is
frequently called Mac, and Van, it is not owing to any resem-
blance between us, either in person or character, but to the sim-
ilarity in sound of our monosyllabic cognomens. The gen-
tlemen of the Post, often ask pardon of Horatio¹ for calling
him Mac instead of Van, and I have no doubt, should you ever
become acquainted with me, that you also would feel

yourself bound to apologize for the injustice you do him in identifying us together. I hope therefore, you will save your brother's feelings, by addressing me hereafter by my own name and title - for I do insist upon it; I have a name, a legal name, as you will find at the end of this sheet, if you will take the trouble to read to the end -

Perhaps, when you see one who understands so few of the graces of epistolary composition, venture to intrude himself among the number of your correspondents, in so strange a manner, you will give him credit for a good share of impudence, if not of self conceit. Now let me assure you, it is with extreme diffidence in my abilities as a writer, that I undertake to address you again. More especially after perusing your own most elegant, but at the same time, modest epistle - and I am only enabled to overcome this diffidence for the present, by the desire of propounding to you certain interrogatories relative to your last letter to me - alias, my other self - A Phaulcon Lt &c &c -

First then, I beg to know if I was not right in claiming that part of your letter which was evidently written in answer to mine, though addressed to ~~adressed to~~ my fictitious name of Vanclere? 2^{dly} Did you really believe your brother could be guilty of so much "housewifery" as to assume another name, and if so, could you believe he was so deficient in good taste, as to choose the unpoetical, ugly, scotch name of McQueen?

I must, however confess, that I cannot agree with you, where

you say, that in changing his name, he would be "encroaching upon the prerogatives of your sex", for whatever privileges you may possess and enjoy "down east", I conceive that your rights do not extend to this region, so long as you have so few representatives here to maintain them -

It may be of some satisfaction to you, to learn that your advice to your brother, has been attended with the best effects. Since the receipt of your letter, he has received his new flute, and he is now ready to oblige his friends whenever they ask him to play, and they are so much pleased with his music, that after he has played once, they generally ask him to play "once more" -

Donatio is well and in fine spirits. He sends his love to you, & says he would write, but that his official duties are so important at this period, that he cannot find time. He is making out his company papers for the quarter -

I have already given you a plain hint, that your answer to this letter is expected. I hope you will not consider the expectation unreasonable -

Louisa E Vanclere

Your most obedient

Geo. W. M. Chace

George W. Me. Clure
Recd 8th Aug. 1833



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Miss Louisa E. Bancroft
Care of the Rev. J. W. Gibbs
New Haven, Conn.

Fort Winnetago Apr. 17th 1833

My dear Loozy,

I have just had a little talk with Mous, & now I wish to have a short confab with you. You know I am one of few words so you must not think hard of me if I say but little to you, just now more particularly as it is time for honest folks to think of going to bed.

Sometime during the winter I rec'd a letter from & one of my companions also rec'd one from a young lady & after each had read his letter it was proposed that we should make an exchange. After the exchange was made I told the one that I exchanged with, that since he had my letter he must answer it, and he did so. Now the question is did you ever receive the letter? If so why did you not answer it? Or have you done so? He, doubtless, gave you a good account of me.

My friend St. Laurent expects to leave here about the 1st of May. You may expect him in New Haven, in June, so have your Cap ready. You will be much pleased with him, I have known him long and esteem him highly. We lived together at West & live together here. So you

see I have had a good opportunity for studying his character. He will tell you all that you may wish to learn about Fort Winnebago & Michigan Territory, the Army & the Frontier Posts. Many people are prejudiced against the Army & its officers. Ask them for the grounds of their prejudices & they say "they have heard — — — Yes heard a — that — a — — — that — a". — As soon as one tells me he has heard so & so, it is time to bring him to the point & ask him what he knows. Then he says, "Oh I do not know positively, yet I do not think the Army a fit place for a young man. Let him think as he may please, Chace & son go out." —

I wish you to come & pay me a visit, 'tis but a few miles. Spend a few days here & then return. Nours will come with you. If you do not you cannot expect me to come to see you, although you appear to be anxious that I should do so. You should travel some & you have never yet seen any of the Western Country.

Nouston tells me that the Princeton people intend to build an Episcopal Church. I am glad to hear it. It is to be hoped that it will not create dissensions among the people.

He says too that Mr Woodhull has accepted of a call to Middletown, having resigned his situation as pastor of the Congregation at P. Who do the Princetonians expect to get now. Any body or nobody, perhaps they think they can do well enough without a Pastor.

Do you ever hear from Mrs. Condit (concord Eliza)? Mr C's health was not good when I was home, I have scarcely heard of them since.

Nours writes about the fair ones of Princeton but has not yet told me that he had a intention of selecting any one himself. He speaks of the fair one who lives near the way — — — the most flattering terms.

Do you expect to pay a visit to Lucy this summer? Let me know. If you do you will doubtless pay some visits to my particular friends in Princeton. I'll never forgive you if you do not. — You have never yet told me whether Margaret is studying Music. I am anxious to know. — I'll try to write by Stella-bess — Your affectionate
Norton.

Horatio P. VanCleave
Recd May 20th 1833



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Miss L. E. VanCleave
Care of Rev. Mr. Gibbs
New Haven
Conn.



Fort Winnebago March 20th 1832

A few minutes ago I commenced writing to Mrs Alexander & after finishing almost a page the thought struck me that it might not be exactly proper to write & although it was but a passing thought, the sheet was put aside. Then the question was, To whom shall I write? The first name that followed the question was Louisa. Stop, my love, says I & let us have a tête-a-tête; Says she I have you answered my long & sweet letter, dear; No says I; thus on examination I found I had, & then says I, darling I must write to somebody else. Oh no sweetest, says she. Very well Honey, says I there is no withstanding your argumentative skill, "For even though vanquished you ex-
gue still". Thus we went on, she talking & I writing until I had almost finished the first half page, when — the drum beat for parade. — well says I there is the drum, but it is too late for me to attend so I will write on.

Now what shall I write? Shall I commence with Cousin Dick? Yes. Well the last mail brought a letter from him. He writes in deep affliction; The loss of his dear mother has almost blasted his hopes of happiness. He speaks with much feeling, on the subject, & of the affliction of his father, whose only comfort is now to be derived from the prosperity & happiness of his children. Cousin Dick is sensible of this & appears determined to exert himself to the utmost to please his father. He is now engaged, as you must have heard, in the mercantile business. I am in hopes that he has felt the folly of dissipation, and will hereafter prove that he is capable of attending to business with diligence & perseverance. — He says that Cousin Marianna is recovering.

My sister wished me to give some account of the
aborigines; if I give any it must be very superficial, as I have
seen but little of the Indians as yet; that is I have had
but little intercourse with them. They are not now as nu-
merous as they were formerly. Many are emigrating beyond
the Mississippi & disease & intoxicating liquors are rapidly
thinning the ranks of those who remain behind. The
whites are encroaching upon them continually & the In-
dians instead of being benefitted by their proximity
are rendered more degraded and miserable. They soon
become fond of the liquors which are introduced by the
whites. Not feeling any moral restraints they let loose to
all their vile passions, and become brutal & licentious
in the extreme as soon as intemperance finds its way
among them. The females are generally as intemperate
as the men & you wd no doubt be somewhat surprised
at their boldness in begging. For instance, on my way here
from Fort Howard some Indians came to us one after-
noon while we were encamped and a good looking young
female seating herself by me asked me for some whis-
key & continued her importunities for some time not with-
standing I told I had none. After she found it was
useless to beg, she loaded me with all the contemp-
tuous & opprobrious epithets of which she was mistress
& then left me. — Whenever the Indians get drunk
they weep for their lost relations. On such occasions their
wailings may be heard for hours. When mourning
for a recent death they paint their faces black. At
other times they are very fond of using red paint.

It will be a long time before the Indian becomes
civilized. The mission schools I believe are doing well
in the neighbourhood of Green Bay but there is room

and employment for a thousand more. There wd be an
excellent situation for one. The climate is healthy &
there are Indians in abundance. The parents are op-
posed to sending their children to any distance from, fear-
ing that they may not be treated properly. Many are op-
posed to having their children educated at all, & this
prejudice can only be overcome by having schools in their
neighbourhood so that they may see the benefits of edu-
cation. Mr R. M. Johnston of Kentucky wished the Win-
nebagoes to send some of their children to the Choc-
taw school in that State. One of the Win-ne-bago
chiefs in reply to the proposition said: "Father! If the
Great Spirit had made us like white men he wd have
given us a way to be educated like them. We must not
do any thing contrary to what our Great Father above
has done. If he had seen proper to have us educated
he wd not have made us different from the white men.
It is too late to commence education among us. Our
elders & chiefs are opposed to it. We have gone old on
far without it & we wish to remain in the same state
that we have ever been. If we were to begin educa-
ting our children now we think the Great Spirit wd be
angry with us & by some means destroy us. There
are none of us now who are anxious to have our
children educated. Perhaps by & by we may think
as you do father." And perhaps by & by, my dear sister,
I may speak more on this subject, we have said e-
nough for the present.

March 23rd In the certain expectation of receiving
several letters by the mail of yesterday I left this
small space to answer any particulars that might be
asked; but I found it a useless precaution for no letter
came, & I went to bed grinding my teeth & making some more

spiteful resolutions against the whole of the Eastern States. I was resolving not to write again till I received some letters, for I firmly believe that is the way my friends act towards me, not saying that I believe they carry the joke still farther. — I have written twice to Sister Mary Anna & received none. Four or five times to Hous & rec'd one. This is my third to Louisa & from her I have rec'd one. Once to John & rec'd none. So I have only rec'd two letters from the East since I left Essex. Well as I was saying I was making some most spiteful resolutions & was intending to bite off my nose to spite my face when I fell asleep. This morning I awoke somewhat coddled, & resolved that there must be about ten letters for me on the way.

Miss Louisa E. Wareham

Lawrenceville

W. Ledyard

*my way
one after
look*



March 28th 1832

So much for having a kind & forgiving brother, one willing to make every allowance for distance &c. I wish that every allowance ~~and~~ be made for distance by them & that they would not wait for a letter before they write. — Now you see I must bid you farewell. — Love to Aunt Brown & Remember me to all the family. Your own dear brother Horatio.

January 31st 1831.

My dear Cousin

I received your letter just as I began to prepare for our Examination which commenced on the 3rd of this month & finished yesterday. There is now full time before me to let you know the state of my mind with regard to the interesting & important subject of your letter.

The choice of a Profession is to a young man a serious concern, & every Christian should follow that in which he thinks he will be able to do most for the cause of Christ. He should examine his qualifications impartially & seek with constant prayer that wisdom from above which will lead him to a proper choice and which is promised to all who ask. I never see one whom I think qualified for the Ministry without feeling a strong desire that he should engage in it. But let him not do it with any other motives than those of duty, & that duty arising from love to God & for the souls of his fellow creatures. As it regards myself, the Propriety of my studying Divinity has been the subject of much deep & serious consideration; What will be the result I know not for I have as yet been able to come to no full determination. I may some future day find it my duty; But if I do, it is not probable that I wd commence the study before 2 years after I leave this place, & I have that time before me to consider the subject.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Wallace who joined the Sem? last fall? He is an old acquaintance of mine & a warm hearted Christian. I think it probable that he will be a missionary, to Bombay perhaps or Ceylon. He sent us a catalogue of the

students in the Sem? and while I was happy to see so goodly a number of young men preparing to maintain the cause of the blessed Redeemer here upon earth, I could not but lament that there had not been a greater increase during the last three or four years. For if I do not mistake the number has been nearly stationary during that time, whilst the field for the Missionary is daily enlarging. Countries which formerly were closed against them are now either calling for assistance or are in a state of indifference. Greece presents an interesting field for labor; The Capture of Algiers by the French has in some measure given an easier access to the North of Africa; and we may hope that the time is not far distant when South America whose Republics have for a long time been in a state of Anarchy & Confusion, will be established in peace & quiet, & offer every encouragement to those who endeavour to plant the good seed in her soil.

What do you think of our treatment of the Indians in the South? Have we not reason to fear the vengeance of the Almighty upon our beloved Country? And should not the prayers of ^{us} be continually offered to avert the evil which we so richly deserve. While the Christian Church throughout the World has much reason to rejoice in the Shaking of the Mohammedan in Turkey & the North of Africa, & the present prospects of the Protestant Church in France, The Church in our country has reason to tremble at the shock which the Religion of our blessed Saviour is likely to receive from the removal of the Southern Indians. You have no doubt already heard of the lamentable effects it has produced, in some of those who were once attending to the concerns of their souls. If this is the case in the beginning what may we expect in the end. May we not fear that they

will soon return to a Savage state, & learn to despise the religion of those who have driven them from the land of their forefathers.

I am obliged continually to lament the lamentable coldness of my heart & to strive & pray against it. I find that a neglect of our duty which may appear of but little importance, is immediately followed by that of some greater. This is truly enough to teach me that all are viewed in the same light by the Almighty.

Pray for me my dear Cousin that I may be taught my duty in all things & enabled to perform it. That I may be directed in a proper choice of a Profession & not influenced by selfish motives.

I have not been able to obtain a Dictionary for you. Our books are procured by Government & we are allowed to purchase such only as we need. An acquaintance of mine purchased one for me a year or two ago which I gave to sister. Have you heard from Houston since he left Sunday? He has not written to me as yet & I am beginning to grow rather impatient. George & my sisters have neglected me for a long time, I must soon prefer charges against them all.

Remember me to Dr. Alexander's family & to Wallace if you are acquainted with him.

Yours affectionately
Horatio T. Paine

Dr. A. R. Brown.

P.S. I should like you to become acquainted with Wallace. He is quite an intelligent young man & I trust, truly pious. I spoke of his becoming a Missionary; this is a mere surmise of my own taken from the manner in which he used to speak of the subject. I hope he may.

January 19th

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