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Anecdote of the Duke of Ormond.

The king of Spain [illegible] to the Duke of Ormond to release some of the galley slaves, who it is well known are generally very incorrigible. The duke in passing among the seats, inquired of a number the nature and enormity of their crimes etc. The greater part of them unwilling to lay the blame on themselves, imputed it all to some other cause. Some said they were prompted from mere malice, others from liberty, but none seemed willing to own that they had committed any act for which they should have been punished. At length he came to a little fellow who was very intent on his business. "And for what are you punished?" said the duke. "Why sir" said he "I robbed a gentleman of his purse, on the highway to keep my family from starving." The duke was much pleased with this laconic reply, and giving him several strokes on his back with a small stick said to him "get out you little rogue you are not fit company for such honest men." The fellow as may be supposed was much pleased with the joke, and immediately left his oar to return home. The one [illegible]

[illegible] at their ease, [illegible]

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had they committed this fault, in the first place [illegible] imputing the blame to others, they [illegible] have regained their freedom. [illegible] not mean to say that the one who was released, who an example in all things, to be disciple, had they betrayed the truth, they would have deserved as he must have done, that "Honesty is the best policy", and perhaps it was good before to hear in after life.

Charlotte Cwiernein Clark
New Haven
Conn

[ca. 153 -]

The council of Olympus.

The sky was black — thunders rolled & frequent lightning rendered darkness visible — the earth trembled & the people quaked with fear — Spirits seemed darting through the clouds. The Gods were assembling on Olympus. Jupiter from his throne was hurling his bolts & with awful menaces forbid delay. Swiftly they obey his mandates. The king of the Gods sits upon his throne & in his right hand holds a sceptre. The veiled Juno sits at his side with the regal diadem upon her head. Minerva approaches her helmet tipt with a nodding plume in her right hand she holds a spear, and on her left is bound her shield with the dying Medusa's head. And Mars with helmet, pike, and shield. Vulcan robed in fire, and Venus crowned with myrtle. Saturn grasping his scythe, Neptune holding his trident. Apollo with his drawn bow. Pluto with the keys of Orcus & the three headed Hecate. All these and many more drew near the throne of Jove.

"What means this dread assembly on Olympus?
At whose nod have they left their distant realms
and assembled in this ethereal mount?
Jove raises his sceptre & silence reigns throughout
when Neptune speaks.
~~[illegible]~~ "Hear all ye
Gods & aid me to avenge my wrongs. I whom
the seas obey, and all upon their waters worship
I am contemned by the perjured, the ungrateful
Troy. When they would surround their city
with a wall of defence, I with my own hands
aided them, but they have made me no return
And when to appease my anger they yearly spared
a virgin to the sea monster I permitted Hercules to
rescue Hesione from his jaws. But the royal prince her
father gave him not the promised reward, he
despised my power, I will therefore be avenged, I
will bring destruction upon his kingdom. I will sweep
thro' this my favored city."
Then said Minerva, "Let us arouse the Greeks to
revenge, let us send them propitious omens. When
the Trojan prince had visited the palace of the
Lacedamonian King in return for his hospitality
he treacherously carried away his consort Helen.
And must this too pass unnoticed by the Gods?"
Juno jealous of her power then cried, "Thus are
we derided, thus is our power scorned. We in whose
hands are the fates of all, who are able to ~~destroy~~
pacify summon all heaven & hell to our assistance
we are despised by the inhabitants of earth. Now let
them feel our wrath. Let them suffer the punishment of their offences & repent their deeds
The displeasure of Jupiter is aroused, Mars
loudly calls for war & Pluto offers his assistance. Venus cannot appease the anger
of the Gods. He lend their aid against
this devoted city. They suffer a foreign
foe to surround her walls. They throw down
her bulwarks consume her dwellings & destroy her inhabitants. Troy is levelled with
the earth. No city rises near her remains,
no ruins preserve her memory.—

Lyon. 31, 1835

[illegible]

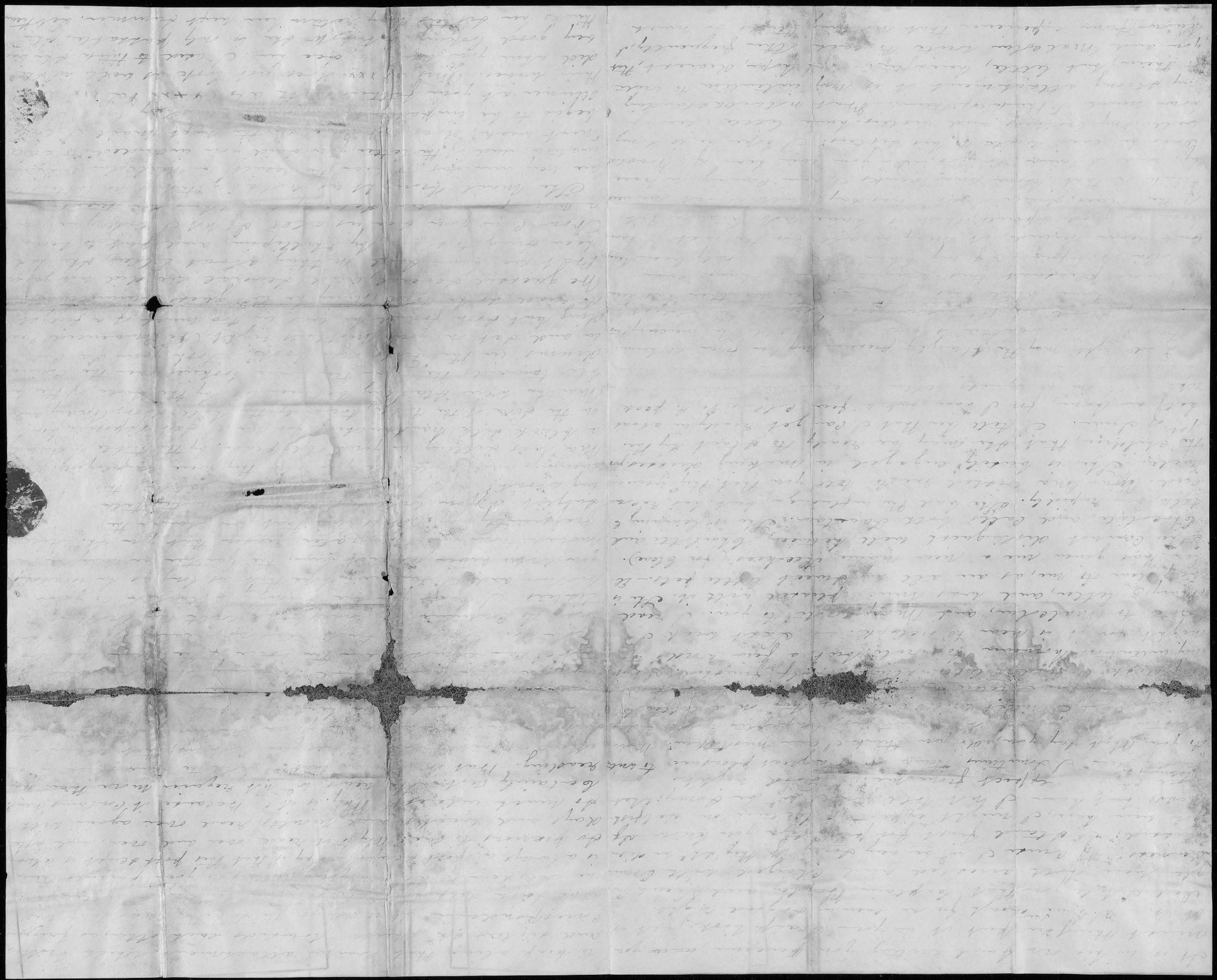
time [illegible] waiting the time to come when I can agree the [illegible]
my dearest, and [illegible] the [illegible] weeks, though [illegible]
the [illegible] before I expect to leave here. For instance this [illegible]
ning I was thinking it was just about four months [illegible]
120 days, or 17 weeks and one day, or 2880 hours. [illegible]
culation, I take [illegible] we will leave [illegible]
[illegible] I have [illegible] called [illegible]
[illegible] Dark [illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible]

We are glad to find that you continued in such good health
and spirits. We [illegible] have reason to be thankful to
the Almighty [illegible] care over you, and [illegible]
during your [illegible] absence. I will here answer [illegible]
tion you asked about your father. He has proved [illegible]
dearest, that [illegible] bottom the [illegible]
[illegible] recovery upon hearing of the death of
his brother Robert. We are sorry to hear of the unhappy
situation into which your friend had brought herself by her
disobedience of the rules of the school. We have not the slightest
fear for our Charlotte. But I think, may be, you have
[illegible] and that we'd call and see her when we
went to Scarborough. You happy girl will be to accompany my
Charlotte, however [illegible] to you. [illegible]
[illegible] was, I told her
[illegible] the moon [illegible] She [illegible]
me, for [illegible] Hannah [illegible]
[illegible] them very pleasantly [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs Cutler, [illegible]
her and the children. Do you not think that was
[illegible] enough for a trip for one day? You must give me
a great deal of praise, if I write them [illegible] again
Be sure that you praise me in your very next letter.

Your Mrs Mendell [illegible] a short time since,
and instead of thanking her, I told her she might think
to herself that it was so much work. Mine for Charlotte.
For you wd have had to mend it, if she had not.

Your Mrs Mendell writes pretty occasionally. A
few evenings since she brought me the piece which
I enclose in this letter and asked me to send it
to you, for your [illegible] book. I told them I would [illegible]
it is to the [illegible] Chicken, dearest, that I [illegible]



come, they will be quite an addition to the society. They will have a break with Mrs L xx and her two daughters before they have spent two weeks here; because Mrs L xx has so lofty ideas of Miss Rg. Indeed I believe that she will not permit her daughters to have any intimacy with her. If I am not sufficiently explicit I will make myself more intelligible when I can talk with you on the subject. That is if we even consider it of sufficient interest to resume it. In all probability they will [illegible] whereupon we [illegible]. The thing is certainly — they will never spoil the Misses L xx [illegible] easily managed as their dear Miss P xxx was. At any rate, it is to be hoped the Misses L xx are not such mere mindless creatures.

[illegible]

I have your hand [illegible] the [illegible] home. Did you find your mother [illegible] Did he give her [illegible] the news of her disinherit[illegible] [illegible] must be [illegible]

Does Margaret behave herself and how does she stand as a scholar? We have never heard anything about her standing. But I can't tell about it. I know she is a [illegible] and will behave herself as much as she [illegible]. Did you tell her that Louisa wished her a visit to Lawrenceville next summer? Does she intend to leave Chester? I suppose she intends to spend the summer in Lawrenceville. I was in hopes that she wd meet your Mrs in Chester. I cannot [illegible] I must now bid you good night, and close this letter

No. 27 No. 26 has arrived, & I [illegible] Fort Winnebago April 11th 1835.

My own dear wife — I have about three letters for you to send you the first we meet; which will make just thirty, & then I shall [illegible] your correspondence for the present year. We have been expected to return in 48 hours, & now count a week and even then to be under the dead necessity of sending you a farewell epistle for a dispatch, while visiting my friends on Lake Michigan. I have [illegible] that I shall then be in a position to expect to meet Stephen again in [illegible] & your letters [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

to this? Each [illegible]
he therefore begs you
my prayers to the Al-
this world and in the
world to come.

Apr. 13th. Our pleasant [illegible]
morning and receive [illegible]
but for matter [illegible] I hope to see my
[illegible] truly must be
circumference of [illegible]

talked with you, now till it is quite late
good night, with much affection, and ma
Almighty for your health and happiness, both in
world to come.

[illegible] write to you ev
[illegible] instead of this
[illegible] letter form, and then
[illegible] we have almost completed the
[illegible]

[illegible] Sabbaths [illegible]
[illegible] the weather [illegible] to walk out and
[illegible]
[illegible] the morning [illegible] hear [illegible] morning [illegible] did
not speak to an individual except getting a dinner. This will not
[illegible] be the case [illegible] trust, for there is no [illegible] she is
[illegible] to me and with me on the Sabbaths. You [illegible] that it
[illegible] time to come to pass. — There is not written in [illegible] of the blessings
for although I oftentimes feel lonely, I have not had [illegible] my life
for, at least, a month. This may be attributed to [illegible] I
[illegible] and I will talk about it in [illegible] when we meet
[illegible] see a great [illegible] many things have been deferred till that
time, so you must prepare yourself for a big talk. In look
ing over my journal I may be reminded of some [illegible]
ings that we have [illegible] you all of which shall be given to you
in their proper [illegible] soon. There are several remarks in my
journal that will require some explanation. I think therefore
that it wd be better for me not to show it to you till some
[illegible] have been [illegible]
all to you at that [illegible] time, [illegible] feel [illegible] letter in
it to interest you. For almost every thing that has appeared
to me at all calculated to please you, has been noted
in my letters. At times fear that I may repeat in one letter
what has already been told you in a former one; for [illegible]
[illegible] not keep a note of what is written. I used to note
down the [illegible] subjects spoken of in my letters to you; but
have not done so for some months past. I presume you have
[illegible] received my numerous letters since you have been in Red
Wood and understand. Miss Page has come to the conclusion
that she wd like to live with Mrs Gardner and that she wd
much prefer living at Fort Winnebago to teaching school at
Galena. [illegible] misguided creature! [illegible] I cd harbor malice
towards such a weak minded being, I shd never forgive her for
her conduct towards you. But I suppose she will be pleased
that [illegible] you have long since determined to forget. Forget it, dearest; it is well that you should be
I can never forget my [illegible] conduct towards those who
used their best endeavors to make her happy.

Apr. 14th. For some days past the weather has been very cold for the
season, and this morning for more than an hour I have known it to be [illegible] the Reaumur
about as low as I have known it to be [illegible] about as high as it has been since I have been here. This will
not appear singular to you when you reflect that the Fox river
is about fifty miles south of us and the lake [illegible]
[illegible] three hundred miles to the north. [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] melting, and the Rock River to fill over for its
banks so that I wd not cross the Fox [illegible] a [illegible] but
[illegible] the Rock River [illegible] to be [illegible] for its
[illegible] be rendered impassable for three [illegible] consequence [illegible]
an interruption to the mails until you receive my letter. Of course we
shall be delayed [illegible] waiting for the [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] platform to meet the F. du L. and Beaver [illegible]

Apr. 16th. The fox river has not yet come [illegible] but I am [illegible]
confident that it will be here in a week or two.

[illegible] Colie & Ellen were [illegible] expects to have you and Mal-
[illegible] Summer. [illegible] we may see you all there [illegible] it
is not very probable that you will all be there together
[illegible] not write you as [illegible] the [illegible] of Lady [illegible] and [illegible]
we may meet in health & prosperity [illegible] and
[illegible] more [illegible] to you [illegible]
[illegible] today. [illegible] you continuing your [illegible]
my dearest [illegible] I have [illegible] that will [illegible] you [illegible] we [illegible] been [illegible]
not [illegible] but also [illegible] Madison [illegible] Reading [illegible] Latin [illegible]
and [illegible] both in mathematics and French, and had
[illegible] demerit [illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible] scandal, should
[illegible] be published. There is not the [illegible] prospects
[illegible] there any news of any kind calculated to in-
[illegible] Must therefore be satisfied with my letter
merely [illegible] It is a letter from one whom you love and
to whom you are dear — Don't let me see it there is news.
[illegible] Staff has been re-formed, and several men
have been discharged, among others, three sergeants be coming to
[illegible] company; and the Lieut. [illegible] to have [illegible]
over. I [illegible] that I shall send this time, for the letter
may not [illegible] if it is over loaded.

Louisa [illegible] reading of my letters to her, said she did like
them to be a [illegible] and requested that she had [illegible]
some [illegible] New Haven, [illegible] made [illegible]
[illegible] she did not expect [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] help me write to her and ask only to [illegible]
to all my [illegible], for they are all finally dear to me.
You must give my love to them and tell them they cannot
act half the sympathy to see them absent together, that he feels
[illegible] them. Your mother called on Mrs McDougall
this morning and she requested your mother to give her love
to you; Your mother turned it over to me, to send to you
with the love of your father & family. Your parents and
[illegible]

No 2.

Fort Winnebago May 24th 1834

My dear Charlotte

My first letter to you, was commenced at the Limekiln and finished here, somewhat in the style of a journal. It was enclosed in one to Mrs Ma[illegible] at and put in the office on the 13th. The fear of accidents makes me thus particular in stating these things. Let me know whether it has arrived safely. I trust it has and that you have been able to finish reading it before this. It contained a great deal of trash, but you wish. Know me well, know that I cannot help talking a little nonsense occasionally. If my Charlotte derived any pleasure from its perusal I am contented and happy. And I know she did — you will not think me vain for speaking thus — yet I feel the pleasure but not unalloyed with pain; for she may have observed that some parts were written in rather a melancholy strain. [illegible] at certain times and occasionally I may have [illegible] a little gloomy. You know, dearest, that I am somewhat subject to the blues, that is, you have seen me, now and then, put on a long face for [illegible]. I was due to get a sweet scolding; It is not necessary to say from whom. When I was at the Limekiln, I could wear just as long a face as I pleased — O sweet liberty! — but now you must take me in hand whenever she finds me in the clamps. So you see your humble servant is still obliged to walk strait, as when you were here.

Those men who went with you to the Bay, the two who behaved so [illegible] left the 20th after having been long and anxiously looked for by your mother and myself. They brought a letter from you to your mother from which I was happy to learn that you were well, that you had spent the Sabbath pleasantly at the Bay, and that [illegible]

But Charlotte there [illegible] for not sending me a [illegible] scolding. [illegible] have a forfeit to pay.

Do write, dearest, about writing to me. When my Charlotte left me, her last request was that I would never permit myself to [illegible] way to low spirits. Now what can have a greater tendency to keep my spirits up than to hear frequently from you, that I may [illegible], as it were from your own lips, that you are in good health, contented and happy. You may easily recollect a question I [illegible] to you. It had never been [illegible] from that part of the Sea Shore. [illegible] not [illegible] but to me [illegible] and [illegible] tell, for you tell it have at most time at your disposal. But write [illegible] as you can without interfering with your more important duties. You know not my anxiety to see you. These months will be a long, long time, with out a word from my Charlotte. I almost sicken at the idea. May God grant that we may soon be restored to each other and that we may never afterwards be thus long separated.

It is a common remark that we are all the creatures of circumstances, and that travellers are its slaves. It struck me very forcibly when thinking of your journey. You were detained at Lake Winnebago for some time after your mother and I had left you comfortably at Fort Howard, and almost on board of a vessel. Now you were at the Fort

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upon it, [illegible] comfortable.

Some few [illegible] have taken place since you left, (besides the changes of the seasons, and of the leaves). [illegible] the Order of the [illegible] to the enclosure, in order the same for, St. Cloud [illegible] how there to go [illegible]. The Colonel has concluded to place the Surgeon's quarters on the hill, by the Hospital, [illegible] leaving them where Mr Goodwin lived. There [illegible] Or, he, they have commenced [illegible] quarters on the outside; this is very important.

I will [illegible] anything to you, of my Fred Daughters two pearls, but one just in the front [illegible] mouth, (I will tell you though that her [illegible] are becoming a regular [illegible] of how she sometimes strutts [illegible] and on [illegible] these steps, and of how they [illegible] for you [illegible] I shall not forget to tell you all these things. For fear I may forget to mention to you here passed this [illegible]

[illegible] that the [illegible] Chaplain [illegible] inspection.

Some [illegible] tell you all you will be [illegible] about her family. The [illegible] happy, and all the [illegible]

[illegible] not change [illegible] you have read your mother's letter, and [illegible] joyed it. [illegible] you are [illegible] to Malcolm.

[illegible] I have what [illegible] same [illegible] and I do not believe that [illegible] Charlotte knows how much it would gladden this anxious heart to hear from.

This letter [illegible] been penned in your mother's parlour, by your fireside where I have [illegible] often sat and talked with you. My imagination has not been [illegible] frequently [illegible] back and [illegible] by my side. I [illegible] however that it will not require a very strong imagination to place me by your side, one year hence. Charlotte, I will not recall my self to your [illegible] here; it is for the hope. Send the [illegible] happily [illegible] the constant prayer of your own Horat[illegible]

[July 17, 1835?]

Fort Hamilton, July 17th 1835 (Saturday)

My own dear Charlotte

When you receive this, Loved one, I expect to be on my way to the West. My spirits are good, buoyed up by the assurance that you, my Charlotte are pleasantly situated, that your time is profitably employed and that you are happy. God will take care of you, as well when I am far from you as when I am near, and you will be careful of your health, for my sake. Do not, you cannot, for a moment, forget, how precious your health is to your Horatio. Should it please God, dearest, that we sh^d never meet again in this world, may he grant that we may meet in happiness, in his Heavenly Kingdom.

When you write to your mother, tell her that I have not given away to low spirits, but that I am true to my profession and conduct myself with the spirit of a Soldier. I send her much love. — You both may expect to hear from me from Philadelphia.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Paid 5 cents

Rec'd Sept 8

Mary Ann Thompson

to Jan Thompson

Oil Creek

Pa

No 13.

Fort Wayne Sept. 29th 1834

My dear Charlotte.

Yesterday I was called to take charge of the Sacrament. When you received the news of my state of health in my last, you felt a little as I felt my feelings when I was left alone in my tent. We had a morning I suppose by myself and not having you to talk with I took my pencil and paper, and wrote to you while I was waiting. We will not talk about my stay there, neither shall we speak of the many days that have passed since then, for some of them have proved cold and dreary days to me, but we will look forward to sweet seasons and talk of days to come. How is your health to be spent this winter? What are to be your studies? How are you pleased with them? What changes have taken place in the School that interest you? Tell me every thing that interests you for you know it will interest me to know you are happy. Soon we will not find the theatre in Heaven so dreary as it now is, yet you shd be on your guard against the cold and stormy weather. [illegible] I know you will be gentle. We have already had a few days of the Indian summer, but for some days since it snowed a little. And yesterday morning [illegible]

[illegible] the Lord, the giver of life and [illegible] and a gentle [illegible] of [illegible] you [illegible] to hear of [illegible] that [

[illegible] Dear Brother [illegible] Sister [illegible] Dear Brother [illegible] Sister [illegible] Dear Brother [illegible] Sister [

[Aug. 2, 1834]

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FEBAGO N.H.
FOR

Fort Winnebago Feb 8th 1834.

Dearest Charlotte

[illegible] the [illegible]
of the expression in the [illegible] last
note of Sept 17th 1833? It must imply some
thing interesting & important. The last word
It is a seal to one's destiny in this world,
is it not? If so it shd be a strong word.
The cord that binds you to another shd
be strong & its strength shd lie in true love
founded on a high esteem & a knowledge
of some worth in the person loved. The
character & disposition shd be well studied.
It is not necessary that they shd be similar
for there are many, — some doubtless have
come under your own observation, very un
like in their dispositions, who nevertheless
live very harmoniously & happily together.
But it is very important that they shd know
each others disposition in order that each
one may be enabled to mould its own
to suit that of the other.

May God grant dearest that you
may never, in the slightest degree, have
reason to regret the choice you have
made of one upon whom to place your

affections, and with whom you have acknowledged yourself willing to join your destiny in this world.

Good night.

Yours

A.

affections, and with whom you have acknowledged yourself willing to join your destiny in this world.

Good night.

Yours

J.

Miss Charlotte H. Clark

Present.

[illegible] (Oct 17 was [illegible] Nov 26th) [illegible] Dec 8th 1854

It appears to be a long, long time since I have written to you, Charlotte. Mon Pleasant [illegible] for me of I [illegible] every day I have not had her at [illegible] almost fancy that I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]