



Horatio P. Van Cleve and
family papers.

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Piscataway N. J. May 28th 1836.

My dear friend,

Your favor of the 23rd ult is received.

Since my last letter to you, viz. on the 10th day of this month, it pleased the Lord in his mysterious providence suddenly to afflict me, by removing from me my dearly beloved wife - She is gone. I trust to join in heaven the throng of Saints and Angels around the throne of the Lamb, to praise him forever and ever. Altho my loss is great, very great, yet it is here great gain. Blessed be God I am not called to mourn as those who have no hope - In a short time I shall meet her in heaven never more to part.

We say in the papers the fact of your Marriage, and dear friend, I pray the blessing of Almighty God to rest on you and the wife of your bosom - May you both enjoy all the happiness of this life - that the marriage state is calculated to impart, and be mutual helps to each other thro the journey of life, and in the preparation for the eternal world.

On the 9th instant I paid your Abile Phillips' dft on me for the sum of Two thousand dollars - I am informed that at that time the rate of exchange between Cincinnati ^{and New York} was 5 per Cent which would make the dft worth \$2100. There is in my hands

of about \$28 arising from dividends on your Stock in the Bank, this sum I requested your Uncle to include in the aft. but he did not do so. It is proper for me to state that our Bank has called for two instalments of \$5 each on every Share of Stock, which I have paid for you, making the whole amount you have received of me as Executor more than \$3000 which is all you can receive until a final settlement is made of the Estate, when Margaret arrives at full age.

And now, my dear friend as to the request you make of my advice to you on the subject of your leaving the Army and purchasing Land with a view to improve it, I hardly know what to say. That money judiciously laid out in Land cannot I think fail of being profitable, altho much will depend on the quality and perhaps more on its location. So much depends on situations that may in time become places of importance from which great advances in prices must accrue. Your investment of monies in Land does not necessarily prevent your remaining in the Army, yet I confess I am not an advocate for your remaining in it, on this subject you can best judge. If you could now purchase good Land at a reasonable price and at a favourable point, perhaps it would be wise to obtain so large a tract that in a few years the one half could bring the cost of the whole. For myself nothing could induce me

to purchase Land that must be tilled by Slaves or to reside in a Slave holding State, and I should be sorry to see any whom I regard do so.

There are no situations in the free States and farther East than Missourie, where Land could be as advantageously purchased and cultivated. I merely throw out these hints, as I do not feel confident that I have a correct view of things in your Western World. I trust my dear friend the Lord will direct you in all things, look to him for direction. He is a God of providence as well as grace. Louisa spent two days with me, ^{last week} Houston has just returned from New York where he left L. who with her sister in law goes to New Haven. All cordial regards to your wife. Believe me sincerely yours

R. Woodhull

Single

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Lieut. Francis P. Vandeventer

Fort Winnebago

Rec'd July 4th 1836

During the war

General Lewis Clark

by the Postoffice

Money sent

the 11th of May 1836

June 24th 1836

Piquette Jan 22nd 1836

Dear Sir,

I received your favour of the 9th of October last in the due course of the mail, and agreeable to your request I gave an answer to your letter to your Uncle H. G. Phillips of Dayton Ohio, the purport of which was that at that season of the year I could not call in the mortgaged deer to the estate, as by the will of your father they were invested in bond & mortgage on real estate, also that at that moment our Bank Stock could not be sold for more than 2 1/4 dollars per share and if he choose he might draw on me for the amt that price would produce. To this letter I have not received an answer but presume he has communicated with you. On the receipt of your letter as above I gave notice to the debtors to pay up in the Spring, and do expect to receive from one to two thousand dollars which will be at your disposal. As I received no letter from your Uncle I did not sell your bank stock, but if you wish it I can easily dispose of it in the Spring when another installment of ten dollars on each share

will be called for. Will you my dear Sir inform me to whom I shall
pay the money in the Spring, and also if you are still determined to sell
the Stock - When you ^{do} give a receipt in blank to the person who
is to receive the money and it can be filled up with the sum paid.

And now my dear friend permit me to advise you ^{not} to place
all your property in any one institution or in the hands of any one
person - experience has shown me that this is not wise -
my own feelings on the subject of your disappointment in not obtain-
ing money from me when I received your letter, if I understood your
intentions, were that it would be to your interest. On the same ground
I did prefer that you kept the stock at that time -

Shortly after you left Princeton Houston made up his mind
to go New Orleans and I was compelled to get for him five hundred
dollars - When he left he promised to write to me but I have not
had a line from him, neither have I had the pleasure of hearing
from any of your brothers or sisters - except that this another person
I learn that John is going to the West - You no doubt heard of the
death of our beloved friends D. W. Van Dorn, George Howell and his son,
truly the family of the latter has been a distressing one - May it
prove a blessing to the survivors - Mrs V. has been very unwell
for six or seven weeks but is now better, she begs to be affectionately
remembered to you - My best wishes for your temporal and spiritual
wellfare -

Sincerely yours

R. Venable

Name of receipt

Received

of

proportion of the estate of my late father -

1836 of Robert Venable Executor of Dr John Vandover
dothand on account of my

Robt. Hookes. Jan 22. 1938



Dec 18

Feb 28. 1938

Concerning my receipt for
the sum of \$100.00 from
the Rev. Mr. Phillips

Rev. Mr. Phillips

Rev. Mr. Phillips



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Princeton August 12th 1836

Horatio G. Phillips Esq

Dear Sir

A short time since I received a letter from your Nephew Horatio P. Vanclave requesting me to sell his Princeton Bank Stock, as he wanted the money, and in the want of making the sale, to advise you, that you might draw on me for the amount of the sale.

I have disposed of the stock at the highest market price, and now inform you that you are at liberty to draw on me, at three days sight, for the sum of Seven hundred and twenty eight dollars.

Very respectfully yours

R. Woodhull

20 Shares of Princeton Bk Stock @ \$35.00	\$700.00
Dividend due 1 st November 1835	14.00
do " 1 st May 1836	14.00
	<u>\$728.00</u>

The original stock was \$20.00 per share paid in, and on that sum the dividend was made -- The 5th & 6th instalments of \$5.00 on ea. share was called for and paid on the 15th of March and April last.

9.16
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91
8.80
2.20
23.27

80.
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5.
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12

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20 11
200 250
3.0 250
2750
7.1

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Frederic C. Phillips Esq
Dayton
Ohio

Single

At 11 o'clock (b)
At 12 o'clock (b) Aug 12, 1836
Deer Pointe Bank etc
\$728.00

Day till May 17. 1836

Dear Brother

Need you, of the 13th April
a few days since. In answer I am
at a loss how to advise in the Church,
your purpose. the prospects of profit
or honor, in the Clergy I think are remote
in the Clergy. and should not advise
a son or any young friend of mine
to select it as a vocation for life. His
fortune would depend on circumstances,
and more particularly the disposition
of the individual concerned. If disposed
to live without care, or such habits of
industry as can be paid to enable us

as to him comfortably in private life. It
 would be better to continue in a situation
 where others provide for him, without knowing
 what are your habits or dispositions.
 I should hope that they are such as
 would enable you to greatly improve your
 condition in life, and add to your comfort
 and happiness. There are several things
 open to you that would give you a more
 safe investment, in goods and real estate
 & the possession of such with habits of industry and
 economy there can be no doubt as to the result.
 But the idea of being without care and attention
 won't do. It is only suited to a voluntary de-
 pendence on the Government. There are two and three
 as some 2 and 3 weeks ago we have heard
 of them since they passed what law

In Dec. we sent you from L. - Vance \$517.00
 which I invested in Am. Bank Stock. as to 6 Cdn
 in April I rec'd a letter from W. Von der Auhagen
 to do and on him on your account for \$2000
 Dollars which I have done and invested the
 same in Bay's Bank Stock, against 6 to the
 following statement.

Cash rec'd in Dec. 1861	\$517.00
Dividends on stock of 6 Cdn	17.85
Cash rec'd in April \$2000	
Sum in Oct. 1/62	20
	\$2020.00
	\$2554.85

To Cash paid to 17.85 Am. Bk Stock	\$510.00
To " " " 4.25 " "	4.25
To " " " 54.85 " "	54.85
	2,555.00
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By the above you will see the manner
 in which I have disposed of your funds.
 The dividends are declared and sent off to the payee of
 the stock, at present the Bank has prospered of the country
 are not quite so promising as they have been, but
 think we shall be able to divide 10% of the
 rate for the last 6 months on the 1st of July next.

beet in them it is pleasant to see you
and your wife

Remember me affectionately
to him and him and my
sincerely your uncle

Dear H. P. R. R. R.

H. G. R. R. R.

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be very all right. Remember me affectionately
to our new cousins with whom we stand
close to be better acquainted. Should you
determine to visit the seven. make us

New York May 13, 1856

Dear Wash

I have just received
your last letter, and shall think of
your suggestions. You know I am for
the West. But my business is now
in such a ~~situation~~ I cannot
think of leaving the City. I have
lost every thing, and am now living
upon a salary of about nine
hundred dollars. I am in the
Union Bank and think I shall
remain there for a year ~~at~~
or until I see how our
business is settled. I hope the
Spoons will please you I am
certain they will. Charlotte
they are the newest style
and I believe very good sub-
stantial spoons. I am now neces-
sarily very much engaged and
cannot call as much time

may come and therefore if I
do not write quite as punctual
as usual you must not blame
me.

The large Spoons Cost
{ 44 dollars The small

{ 16 The articles for Mrs
{ 60

Clamby & Thirl Cost
about \$44.00 I will
send you by mail a bill of
the goods. I hope you will
receive them in good order
and be pleased with
them.

allow me to congrat-
ulate you upon your taking
to yourself a help mate
It is not well for man to be
alone is it my old boy, speak
of men I have got one

of the finest fellows you
ever saw, or ever heard tell
and I very much doubt whether
there ever will be as fine a young
trojan in any other family
but still we must hope for
the best. This is between you
and me, we do not expect
our wives to see this
no more at

Present
Yours
Affectionate

For then
John W. Van Cleve Esq

Read W. P. Van Allen
Fort Winnebago
Politeness
of our men all

Letter from
you are in W.

W. P. Van Allen

The edge of mairing stock

Dayton July 23^d / 1835

Dear Hiram

I have just returned from the
Museum after a visit of near 4 weeks
and send you a letter of the 27 I send
the plan here before I left here
was that you, Albert and Elizabeth
would have accompanied me to
the Lake and after having spent the
time necessary on the Museum to have
returned a visit to you and to have
spent the balance of the summer
on the Lake border. at once and below
as would have lost much of
winter and gratification but E-
lizabeth proposed a journey to the
Tuguen Springs. when she has gone
and you Albert. decided going
as the was not being very partial to
the Lake navigation. this trip
I have in view for another
reason therefore in all good
manner a year particular
Engineer. If you will decide the
mode of getting the money paid
at. you have \$500 Dollars and
want as you proper to
many and become of age.

you can my associate a draft through
the Bank. Or me for the amount.
~~and~~ I am at a few days sight
and advise me by mail enclosing
your note for the amount. and the
draft shall be promptly made.

The execution of the
execution of Mr. Voorhies is a strong
point to keep the care of your
family. but if I recollect the bills
of your father they are not bound
to pay into the children an all
of us.

Remember me affectionately
to your wife. I have been not a little
disappointed that you have not written
to me before. and I have already
grown used to hear from you and
to know how you are prospering
prospects &c. and let me again
caution you on the subject of speculation
regarding. your expenses largely yours
any great risk you personally as you
are located. when the whole business
of the country is based on speculation
fractions. the present condition of the
concern of the country. your evidence
concludes to me. that there is a

a complete change. the Radical spirit
appears in the whole country a justly
calculated to destroy confidence in
Capitalist abroad. but if they tend
thus in any to counter the danger they
must be paid for. This is my
inner embarrassment and can't expect
to go on with my public work
all fully changeable to blacksmiths
with this evidence many must hear
my concern. and I think admonish
you to avoid making debt. and
be extremely cautious how you
send your name

I may be under the necessity
of returning to the States this fall
if I do will endeavor to make
you a short visit
as an all well

very truly yours
Alexander Leach

H. A. Price

Remember me to
John & Harriet
when you see them

A circular postmark from New York, dated 1875. The text "NEW YORK" is at the top, "1875" is in the center, and "N.Y." is at the bottom.

Mr. Francis D. Deane

Flax 2400/5

Adventures in the

McKey and

Loan of \$500.—

H. G. Phillips

Saturday July 27-1837

Dear Hercules

We have been very disappointed
in not hearing from you since you left
here. but I am glad that you had gone to
the city and I have been hearing of you
several times. I must sincerely hope that
all your hopes and expectations may be
realized in the location.

I have just sold a year stock
and hold the amount subject to your
order at sight. I send it at the
same advance which was paid
\$5 Dollars on each share.

Yr. Servant. Day two Banker

which has been paid	{ \$2275.41
\$5 Dols. advance on each share.	
	355 00
	\$2630.41

Eastern Stocking - is a very difficult
business. but the Bank at present has
no funds to cash. but may have by the time
your order arrives. I have requested ^{Mr. Higgins} him
to have the amount advanced to him at
once. but you may be able to negotiate for
the amount at ^{in Detroit} Monroe. Any arrangement
you may think proper to make for the Bank
as above stated \$2630.41 will be paid on
your order on me at sight. then may

is due a connection with your Bank
and some of the 12 units in the States
as to enable you to make the exchange better
than you could do here. It will be hard
work of which there is some little doubt. It
will cost at least One and Half per cent.
If it will give the negotiation more
confidence I would place the amount
in this Bank to your credit. That you
could do better for it yourself.

But in any arrangement that you
may think best. advise me and the
amount will be either placed to your credit
or dispensed of as you may direct.

There was a time at Long Linenham
last. When I was very young and
nervous and had children to
nurture. I found it a great deal of work
to make her serve a comfortable bed
and she was very little boy
for whose situation we have felt much
anxiety. He was killed when I left.

I am sorry to Mr. G. that Lucy and
her folks are well. Sophia is much better
than she has been in some. Intensely rested
she is going to school.

Remain me affectionately
to your wife and children.

My sincerely yours
Long to Boston but he is not yet there
and thus I feel a deep interest
in her welfare and prospects in
life. And we know how
you are all beloved. prospects
in a word for
my family

W. H. P. O'Connell

Since my report to Mr. Noble
who is the President in charge of one
of the Monivie Banks he can perhaps aid
you in negotiating the amount of money
in my hands. If it might be an accommodation
I will place the money to your credit in
any Bank ^{in Cincinnati} you are named there. I pay
your draft at this Bank at sight
my Linen

D. G. Phillips
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Wm. P. Van Cleave

Monroe

Michigan

St. Albans
Vt. 27. 1857

Day Tuesday 1. 1837

I am here in

I am here in

of your money just had 100

your money just had 100

had the amount of \$2630 $\frac{41}{100}$ was

in my mind to send you a good

or about the same and suggested

that you could perhaps make

it and receive in your quarter

the same as made in

happened that you would

want to send back. But

you will give the 20th of the

this money in the same

have you been changed yet

to equality of money

I have been thinking of
 writing you a letter for some time
 but have been so busy that I
 have not had time to do so. I
 hope you are well and happy.

These animals are so differently
 the negotiation with any of the
 Banks in the appearance of the
 tails, they even a close view to the
 Banks as in the case of the

45th

J. B. Phillips
 March 1. 1857

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 March 1. 1857

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 March 1. 1857

Cincinnati Oct 13th 1838

Well dearest, it seems determined that our patience should have a still longer trial. I was looking very anxiously and certainly this week or next Monday, when your letter yesterday disappointed me entirely again, but I try to submit with all patience and am in hopes that it will not be much longer that we shall have to be living in this state of suspense.

Malcolm left for Washington Monday afternoon therefore when you receive this, you will have to leave immediately to bring us home, the weather is very cold and I am very anxious to get home really when I think of it it puts me into a complete fidget; I hope by this unexpected detention you will be able to get the house completed, never theless if you do not we must get along the best way we can this winter; if we can only see each other once more it seems to me I shall be happy wherever we are. My last letter was written in rather a desponding strain I fear I really was not well and am not now but all that ails me is extreme debility, owing probably to my nursing our little boy, within the last few days however I have been gaining.

strength rapidly, I was so much better yesterday that I paid a visit to Newport and Coalington and the walk I am convinced did me much good. Now you will receive this Tuesday morning 23rd inst. you can perhaps leave the same day or at all events Wednesday morning, do you not think that you can reach Dayton Saturday evening? you might stay there Sunday and come down Monday. I feel quite anxious to make the Dayton friends a visit, and intend asking Mr Worthington this afternoon I believe, if he thinks I could perform the journey to that place comfortably with the baby. If he thinks I might, I believe that I will go up there next week sometime, and not calculate to return here. I can hardly make them a longer visit and see you a day or two sooner I can take one of the trunks with me and you can take charge of the other one when you come. I believe the route which you will probably take goes through Dayton at all events every one who comes from Springfield here seems to come through Dayton. If I conclude to go I will write to clear Anna to whose house I should go for I believe Uncle has not returned, and I suspect she will be right glad to see me.

I know I shall be, to see her. I spent a delightful day with Mrs Worthington last week, she is a lovely woman and I am half in love with Mr Worthington himself. don't be alarmed. Before you have had you not better enquire into the state of Isabelle's wardrobe? probably she will need stockings etc. This plan of going to Dayton is not settled yet, it only struck me that it would be pleasant and if I can go conveniently, I think I shall try it. Your little darling's praises must finish the letter. he is very well and happy and I think he will answer this paper for me. Help me to praise God for his great goodness and kindness in preserving him to us so long in health. she and all the children are well. Mrs Weston desires to be remembered. I have a great deal to tell you, enough to keep me talking a week so prepare your auditory nerves. Remember me affectionately to all my friends in Flat Rock and tell them I am very impatient to see them. If our healths are continued to us we shall have a happy winter God grant his blessing upon us. The baby is calling me. Good-bye dearest

your own darling wife. Charlotte.

P.S.

Gratia P. Van der

Brownstown

Mich.



[Feb. 27, 1836]

Dear Mother Feb 27th 1836

I have very welcome letter
and will be for some time and take
the very first opportunity to reply to it -
I think you must indeed have paper
as always been put out in mail for
so long a time, but hope you will
not be so nice again for at least
enjoy - I think of taking part in
Charlottesville through Mary Van Cleve
who has been there, but she only wrote
once to see while in Cincinnati.
If I were known she put them for
so long a time I should have written
to her again - I hope all your family
are together again and that all
are well. The very last letter I urged
you to put in and Mary Ellen
knows. I am your affectionate son

four or five weeks and if you come
by land of course you could be here
much sooner than if you went
for the sake so open to the
behaviour with regard to joining you
much trouble, but I am sure you will
see better but I will write to you
as he said with respect to the
are all well. I hope Paul is doing
a very fine thing and I think
a great effort to see that summer -
has taken in their Institute - but the living
up and by some wonderful and unex-
plained power the little has brought her
to her milk!! I think things there are
but I never intended to hear such a word
before just fancy how she must look
with her milk and how I hope to be
If Ellen is in the way to write to
a long letter and tell me what kept her
so long in Cincinnati that she had no
time to write to me - I have the desire to have
paper to put in the paper I should have been
to see them - I hope you will be made wonder

Perhaps you will, when I tell you that
Mr. T. C. will leave for Chicago
in a few days, when he will proba-
bly remain until he can see
them, and that Anna left for
Brooklyn last week, so that I shall be
quite alone when he is gone, and
shall esteem a visit from any one
no other, a very great privilege.
Anna has gone to visit Mrs. Garrison
and while there will attend school.
Mr. Thompson is from New York and
got into business, with a lawyer,
where he has a very good practice.
Cliff is then getting a great number
of pictures in the Tribune office, and
now book-keeper in Livermore's publish-
ing house and board with Mrs.
Thompson, and that is reported for
the Tribune, is writing for books which
are to be on the subject of slavery, and
is superintending the family journal.

Cliff has just made out a visit since
Anna returned on the train. The
family is delightfully situated, and
happier than they have ever been before.
What is reckoning upon a visit
from them next summer, I trust she
will be able to make her contemplated
trip. I shall be more happy than
I can express to you to hear you come
to Michigan, and would try to make
your visit very pleasant to you, say-
ing it is a trip to Chicago for you.
Yet if your interest, duty, or inclination
should take you where you are, don't
on any account, directly, leave your
Kentucky home, I do not think however
that our visit to you here is entirely
selfish for I feel that a change might
do you good, you know from your last
fall trip how fatigued you were. I want you
to write to me, if not to come, without
writing to me, if you can, I suppose the
visit will be pleasant to you for a journey is

Flat Rock Sept. 14 '38

My dear wife

I have been to Gibraltar to day to see what evidence could be obtained against Old Gore, who, no doubt, has killed, or caused to be killed, my horse Lack. The thing is certain the horse is dead, and from appearances, and from all I can learn, he has met with a violent death. If it can be proved on Gore, he can be made to pay for him, but I cannot bear the idea of a lawsuit. This is a serious loss to us just now, for the horse was in fine order, looked well, and no doubt we have sold well, and it was my intention to have taken them ~~off~~ this week, as the next to sell them. But it has been ordered otherwise. Loy is alive still, and I intend to take him away soon, if nothing happens to hinder. But I will not be able by the sale of him to raise money enough to buy ~~and~~ my little ^{one} home. We will have to struggle and for a long time this winter. But we must not murmur, or repine, at the dispensations of Providence. These losses are no doubt sent to try our faith, and show us our dependence on our Creator. How much I wish that you were with me now, to advise and to pray with & for me.

So much for the horses, now for the news of
the South. Mrs. Greene has a boy, is quite sick.
Poor Patrick Dunn & not hear up against the
loss of his wife, but has sunk into the state
of matrimony again. His dear deceased wife
had been under the cold for nearly a
month. — Mrs. P. H. Clark sends her love, hopes
you will be back before she leaves. Mrs. Dearborn
sends hers also. The sick are getting bet-
ter. Dr. Sears is about again but very feeble.
Dr. Dearborn, ditto. Thank you God has pre-
served me from sickness.

I was sadly disappointed when I heard
that Louisa had left Dayton for Wisconsin.
I did hope to see her this fall, but it ap-
pears to be ordered otherwise. I hope you
will write to her, and we shall endeavor
to keep up a closer correspondence with
all who are dear to us. I feel sadly wor-
ried about my brother. I know
what to think of them. I have not yet
been to Epiphany, and do not intend
to go unless on urgent business. Have
no desire to cross John's threshold. Have
never felt towards Aunt Martha, as I should like

to feel towards a brother's wife, — on account
of her conduct towards you. Very sympathetic
about visiting you unless invited to come
at some particular hour. In New York
that ^(a general invitation) would be equivalent to asking you to stay
at home. In Epiphany, it goes admirably
if we find some popular individuals.
It is my intention to leave this part of
the world as soon as I can dispose
of my property. How to get you back here
troubles me a little. But I trust that I
will provide a way, and will
take care of us, if we do not
forget him.

Again I am delayed. The
Doctor is ordering the rail so far away
God bless & preserve you & your little
one. Miss H. & her thousand thanks for his
father. (I am) own dear father & all
Aunties.

Love to all. Respects to the ladies

Brownstown N.Y.
Sept 14 1838 Paid 10 3/4

Mrs C. H. Clark
for Mrs. H. C. Clark
Cincinnati
Ohio.

[Aug 11, 1838]

Cincinnati Aug 11th 1838

Darling Husband

Your letter from Wilmers and also the one from Detroit were received with a pleasure which I cannot express and were devoured eagerly by your darling boy. He was no sooner told that they were from his father than he seized them, and applied them to his sweet mouth with such ardour, that had I not rescued them from his embrace, they would soon have ceased to be. O, my dear husband you do not know what a darling child you have, he becomes more dear to me every day and certainly I think he improves hourly. He is getting very loquacious and the first noise he hears in the morning is his sweet "da, da, da" while he pulls most assiduously at my cap to make me notice him. I am afraid if you were at home now, you would not be able to get up in the morning, for no doubt he would take a great fancy to your whiskers, and I know you could not leave him, while he was playing with you. His health (notwithstanding the excessively hot weather) continues excellent and he is very strong, he is very good, certainly less trouble than any baby I ever had, he is bathed twice a day, and he enjoys it much.

He will be six months old to-morrow (Sunday) and I intend if possible to weigh him to-day, if I do so before I close this I will let you know his weight, if not I will let you know next week. So much for our pet. You have of course had letters from Mr Davis since he left us. I have not learned yet whether he remains in the army or not. Your cousin Elizabeth heard from Mary Anna the other day and she said that Louy was still in Dayton but did not mention Mr Davis, from the tenor of her letter however she was led to believe that he had left Dayton, but where he had gone she could not say. I intend writing to our friends as you advised, soon but indeed it is so hot now that I can with difficulty write even to you. I never felt the heat so much in my life, every one says that they never knew so hot a season. The children with the exception of our darling look very drooping. I am really longing for cooler weather. We heard a few days since that Maj. Lyngne would return in two weeks. I am heartily glad of it, for mother is very anxious to get a larger house, and she wants his advice and assistance. She has applications daily, but the house is now filled to overflowing. I wish you would try and send

every thing in the way of house keeping which he has belonging to her, those two white pitchers belong to her and I wish you would ~~send~~ gather all the mess chest furniture together and send the mess chest and liquor case, the ~~knocker~~ knocker (is not that a queer looking word) also she would like to have. There may be other things that I do not think of now but in packing up you will see them and can separate them from ours. Malcolin is anxiously waiting to know what you hear from Mr Thierjeu, I am very anxious that he should get into some business it is necessary he should do something and the sooner he gets at it the better. I do not want him to go to Texas again for I do believe that this is not such, as is calculated to improve a young man's character and respectability. You will be able to tell me probably in your next when I may look for you. I am all anxiety to see you. I feel as if I could scarcely wait, but I trust that God will soon return us to each other in health and safety. You will scarcely be able to come down the river when you return. I believe the boats have stopped running, at all events the river is remarkably low. Mrs Worthington came to-day for Dayton from Venice. She is to go to the Yellow Springs and when the weather becomes cooler they will make arrangements.

means for travelling through the state somewhere
 although it is uncertain as yet which way they
 will bend their course. Mrs. H. is exceedingly full
 but is getting better. Dear husband do not if possible
 let any thing unpleasant occur between John and
 the

home. Mary's month and I am
 this effect such her complaints and I
 will soon with some return, the

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yourself. Fear all that may be said or done
 kindly in imitation of our blessed Lord. Do not
 and do not let any thing tempt you to say
 to any unchristian person. As soon as you get home
 your husband and I will be with you. I will
 do my best to be with you. I will be with you.

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Dear Husband,

I rec'd your letters of the 7th and 13th within one day of each other (the last one yesterday) for although we had inquired every day but Sunday the Post master had answered us until finally we saw it advertised. I began to feel anxious at not hearing from you but mother said you were on your way home and I thought it best not to write last week. I am afraid you will feel concerned but I hope not. I have written you two letters which if nothing had happened you must have rec'd long since. I am glad to hear that Mrs. J. has a son give you best love and congratulations to Mr. Dearborn and a kiss to little master Henry Hobart. I should really like very much to see them all. I hope for their sakes that they will not spend their days in that Rock. It will never be any thing of consequence I am sure and it is my opinion that the place will finally break from the sheer meanness of its inhabitants unless a lot should arise and plead for the city and even in that case I am apprehensive we

he would not prove more successful than
the Patriarch of old. I am in hopes you will be
able to conclude your business soon and return
for Malcolm and I are very anxious to see you
he calls you constantly, "Pa Pa Pa", he is very sweet
and I expect you will like him very much. his
health is excellent, and mine is good compared
to what it was a week or two since, but both
the baby and I ~~are~~ afflicted with piles and chains
although we are getting better even of these. He re-
tains his strength very well and has learned to
crawl and sit alone, but you will see him soon I
hope and be able to judge for yourself.

I believe I mentioned to you that Louy and Mr
I passed here the other day on their way to Miss
Pours. Louy was very glad to see they had left the
army and they both insist upon our coming
there to live with them. We must pray to God
for direction in selecting a home for I hope we
may look forward to being settled soon. Think of
your spirits darling husband and all will yet
be well, but a few more years and we shall
lay aside the cares and sorrows of this world
and go to a better where sickness and sorrow
never come. God grant that we may be prepared

to meet each other in Heaven.
Mother would be glad if you will see if all
things are strait concerning our Michigan land
in order that no difficulty may arise in case
we wish to dispose of it. The boy has just wakened
up and I have a great deal of work to do
so my letter must be thought to close.
It would be well however to mention that
the money (ten dollars) arrived safe. Love to all
All send love. Hurry home dearest.

May God bless and protect my
darling from harm
Your dear wife
Charlotte



J. F.

For
Horatio P. Van Cleave
Brownstown
Mich.