



Horatio P. Van Cleve and
family papers.

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I find myself seated this morning to
for moments conversation with you and I feel
I esteem it a very great privilege, for
together with the many other blessings contin-
guished upon me, I cannot feel sufficient-
When I look around me and see many
of blessings than I, deprived of many other
I ask myself why am I singled out as the
of such goodness and mercy. My heavenly
father has given me health, friends and every thing
to my comfort and happiness. Since my recovery
from my last sickness, my health has been excellent.
Mother has also been remarkably well, and although
our boy has been teething, his health has been perfect.
Debbie is also very well and is a great comfort
to me, and you now have the sum total of our family
for a long time. I found myself well able to dis-
charge with Charlotte's services, and therefore dismissed
her. For fear that you will not find it out from
any other source, I will just say "in passant" that I
am a part-time housekeeper, that I ride betimes, and
have the breakfast-table cleared off by daylight.
I do not like doing my own work and while on

family is so small it is no hardship. Malcolm has
lost two under teeth and one upper one is almost missing
he can stand alone, and almost walk, he says a
number of words, such as "Mama" "Papa" "look" "potato"
etc. He imitates almost every thing he sees done and
is fine one of the ~~most~~ sweetest, dearest, but ~~not~~ not
that ever gladdened a mother's heart.

Tell Mary that her friend M. Hoyt comes here every
day to recite lessons to me, and I have become much
attached to her. She expects her brother Walter up here
next spring to take her down to Madison to school.
She will be obliged to pass through Cincinnati and
will of course call on Mary, whom she is very anxious
to see. She is desirous of meeting you.

Perhaps Mary will be of some assistance to him
in his business. Young Hoyt will pass through your
town on his way here, and Mary desired him to
call on you, to see if you had any message to send
us. If you see Mrs. Forthington before that time and
find it convenient in the course of conversation to
let her know that the small bundle of small articles
which she spoke of sending if needed, will be ac-
ceptable, perhaps this will be a good opportunity.

Not that I would have you think that I feel de-
pendant upon her for such things, but there is no
harm in taking up with a good offer you know
I shall probably need these things or something of
the sort by the middle of next summer, say August.

but as I shall probably be on our Prairie farm I shall
not need much, I have however ~~plenty~~ plenty of time to
make preparations, and am not the least uneasy
with regard to it. Past mercies give me reason to
hope that God will protect and watch over me as
heretofore, and although it is not yet time for me to
be fully convinced in my suspicions, still I shall
be entirely reconciled, whichever way the event may
terminate. Symptoms however are very strong in
favour of my suspicions and leave me little room
to doubt the fact. I will let you know the state
of the case from time to time. When Mr. Hoyt calls
if you have it in your power to do so with respect
to your business I should be very much obliged if
you would let me a part of it, or at least the same kind
before at Lowell, No. 5. He has worn out a
thought with me and I shall be obliged
to make arrangements for him, but these will hardly do
for the practice. Horatio is looking for money from
Jersey every week (the remainder of his patrimony) and
when it arrives I shall be glad to send you a part
to purchase some things for me, and also to
discharge the debt contracted, while with you last
summer. How are all the children? Is Malcolm
still with you? I think he has not been very well
lately I must say, but although I do feel very anxious
about him, still if he does not get into the spring I

shall feel that it is all for the best.
Ask him what kind of a farmer he thinks he would
make, the people in our state begin to feel that this
is the surest and most profitable business they can
undertake. I do not doubt that we shall do well
at all counts we shall make a living if ~~we~~ wealth

Charlotte, A. Clark
George Smith
Gerrard
Ohio

to a certain extent
and in some cases
it is not only a
profitable business
but a necessary one
for the welfare of
the community.

owned us. It gentlemen told that they
knew that we had enough to support us.
regular to support us. The latter would not be
so early in the season as possible and go to the
work, ploughing, sowing, etc. I should be very glad
for you all at the same time. I should be very glad
if you make it convenient to come. I shall feel very

St. Louis Nov 1st 1837

I received your of the 14th ultimo this morning
and I am glad to hear from you, you write me such sweet
letters and I am always however made me feel
better. Mother is just the same I so hope that the time will
come when we shall not have to be separated until
next time I will be very and feel contented.

Harriet is at the blessing of God entirely recovered
and we have every reason to be thankful, Mary's health
since she has been here has been astonishingly good and
fat, her leg is almost forgotten
and is not troubled in any way with that distressing
complaint. I think that she will be very glad
to come and stay at home rather home sick, but it
is impossible to send her home at present
a good opportunity offer however and she continues
to be very well. I wish we could do just for you
what we most natural than she should wish to be
after having been absent so long we will however
write her by the ship and when she returns
you will find that she can make herself very useful to you
about the house. Don't make yourself un-
happy about her, she has got entirely over the horrid fit that
she had when she was so you and is very cheerful and happy
and her health is never was better, in the old way face is

rounder and fatter than ever and my of this is excellent
I am glad you like my choice of a name of business
should have to use another kind of name it will require
some deliberation to decide. I am delighted to hear of that
coln's welfare. I know he is a dear boy and if it should
please God to incline his heart to serve him, we have
nothing to fear and every thing to hope. It is my earnest
prayer to God that such may soon be the case. It is my
sant for him to have some of his friends with him.
I really feel distressed about your beds and the things
nap. We will certainly write and ascertain if possible the
reason they have not been sent. Your druggist I think must
have been sold and there is a bag ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~things~~
may have disposed of your beds, although I am not
think so as we left no orders to that effect. Kach is expecting
the money from Dr Mc Dougall soon and probably he will send
a list of the articles disp of we shall then be enabled
to find out and will let you know. The Dr has been
sent to the Sault de St Marie. We was obliged to leave
a few days notice and left that day in the eve of our departure
he was much dissatisfied with the order and said he should
leave some time his service as soon as possible. Some other
was to be and probably is married to Edith Mc Dougall
and it is supposed to be a kind of match between Edith
and Margaret. We have probably seen the two we saw each
my a few articles we sent you we have still some things
belonging to you which we would like to send out some of them

Harriet D. Kinslow

several of my letters must have miscarried for we certainly
have written to you to make sure this time I will direct
to Mary Kinslow and tell me if that would not be a safer
way as a general rule. When your next letter will reach
us you simply direct them to Horatio Brownstown which
you for that is the name of the Post Office in this place
and letters will reach us sooner than when they are direct
ed to Cleonore. I must not forget to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter a few days since it was very
acceptable. I assure you that I am your good friend Mr Kinslow
a day or two since
and he as usual enquired particularly about you
and all the family. He is anxious I should pay him a
visit ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~place~~ ~~where~~ ~~he~~ ~~is~~ ~~now~~ ~~living~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~place~~ ~~where~~ ~~he~~ ~~is~~ ~~now~~ ~~living~~
I have heard from him that Henry Snelling is a source
of trouble to his excellent mother. She has given up keeping
boarders rented her house and taken a smaller one. Henry
and his wife live upon her and he does nothing but
idle for his support. His mother is instead for him to be married
if you say so and his wife is a poor inefficient woman
who does nothing but sit pretty near and then for a few
pay one would suffer she was old enough to do better
as she must be about 30 years old. How thankful we
ought to be that our dear husband is so different. For it
must be extremely difficult for him Snelling to get along with
such young children to support and educate. As for the
consider her in very poor circumstances he thinks she sank
money all this time of her keeping boarders. I know you can

not but feel them much better off you are, we are
than this poor woman and indeed we have reason to be thankful
for this many blessings God is constantly showering upon us. I have
delighted to hear of your doing so well, it must be very pleasant
for you to have the clergyman and his family with you.
But mother you must not exert yourself so much as to injure
your health. I could never consent to such a thing as that
I have ever thought to tell you of the same thing
taken in 1441. 1442 1443 1444 1445 1446 1447 1448 1449 1450 1451 1452 1453 1454 1455 1456 1457 1458 1459 1460 1461 1462 1463 1464 1465 1466 1467 1468 1469 1470 1471 1472 1473 1474 1475 1476 1477 1478 1479 1480 1481 1482 1483 1484 1485 1486 1487 1488 1489 1490 1491 1492 1493 1494 1495 1496 1497 1498 1499 1500



child, I am to try her for one month and if at the end
of that time I am pleased with her she is to remain
with the is of age. She is the sister of your father and so far
has been well brought up. My father has been in this country for
months, and the mother died a few weeks since leaving 4 of
them all but one of whom has been brought up by the father
to charge but I know where to get for the rest of the family
I am interested to know that the mother is

Flat Rock Dec 11th 1837

Dear Mother,

We received your letter of the 2nd day ago. You say you feel confident that I will appreciate the good school in Cincinnati. I hope I shall indeed the school I attended in Monroe was an excellent one. You would have been very well satisfied, with it I am convinced. Mr. VanDiere is still here but expects to move, in a short time. His sister had no sewing, she could trust me with. I have been helping Mrs. VanDiere, make a quilt. For her little daughter goes about the house, scolding everybody as hard as she can. She is a very kind hearted lady however, and would not hurt anybodys feelings, for the world. Since Mrs. VanDiere was fit, taken sick she has been in her bedroom, most all the time she takes as much care of her as if she was a baby. Mr. Hunter sent a supply of goods two or three weeks ago and the gentlemen have been very busy in the store. Mr. VanDiere expects the mill to start soon and when it does he will not have his hands full, he has been waiting all summer for it to commence operations, but through the negligence of the company, it has not been started till now. We had Episcopal service here yesterday, and will have Sunday after next, if nothing happens. I am glad you have such good help, and that

you have such a pleasant family. Does Ellen go to school;
and Martha, still at home Mrs Talbot's Sister has taken
a little girl, to bring up, she is a very good child, when
she came here, she did not know all her letters but now
she can read quite well. I have a few little girls in the
Sunday School here. Does Martha attend Sunday School? I suppose
so. Kiss little Ellen and remember me your affectionate child,

M. G. L.

Dear Martha,

I suppose you like to hear from me, and therefore
I feel great pleasure in writing to you. I hope when Ma next
writes, you will not neglect to add a line. indeed Martha it
does give me a great deal of pleasure to receive, even a line from
you. How do you like Mrs Talbot? I shall soon be at home to go
to school with you, how we will trudge along together through thick
& thin. Remember to study hard, while you have an opportunity, lest if
you neglect it you may never have another opportunity. Good bye
dear sister. May we soon meet in health, is the fervent desire of your sister

Mary

Dear mother,

My husband & I last week were joyfully
received by you and we have taken the earliest opportunity
to answer it. I was delighted to hear that you were getting
along so comfortably. I often feel tempted to wish that we
were with you this winter but knowing it to be an impossibility

ble thing, I do not indulge myself in the wish.
I do look forward however with much pleasure to
the time when we shall visit you next year if our
lives are spared. God grant we may not be dis-
appointed. I anticipate without much dread the
first of February and cannot but wish it will
over. We are not settled for the winter as yet but will
be probably in the course of the week. John's family
move in a few days and then I shall make myself
a different arrangements in the bedroom etc.
We shall no doubt be very comfortable and we
have much reason to thank God for the man-
fold goodness towards us. My health is not
better than I could reasonably expect. My
hands are so full of business between the
mill that he has not time to eat himself
but is obliged to swallow in haste and be off to
his work. He really is obliged to work hard but
he received a letter from Walter a few weeks
since and he is just as anxious as ever to be
with us so that when he comes off he will
be well. not have so much to do. I am much
pleased with my little girl and if we pay you
a visit next year you will have the satis-
faction of seeing her. I am delighted to hear and
your accounts from Scotland. God grant he may
not disappoint us. There is an Episcopal minister

from
why
Hilber

when to reach here every fortnight much to Mary's
delight. I have not yet heard him but he will
reach again in two weeks and I then hope to do
myself that pleasure. Only think that Christmas
is almost here, write and let me know how you

1841

Brooklyn
N.Y.

Mr. Charles A. Clark
George St.
Cincinnati
(Ohio)

Chas. St.

Let Mother know what you
do that you cannot give her

spend it. Give my love to the dear children and
to all my friends. Tell the dear ones that Mother
Rash often speaks of them and would like much
to see them. They must be good children and help
mother all they can. Give them my love. Good bye dear
mother may God bless you all, prays your dear daughter

Monroe, Dec. 1st 1837.

Dear Mother,

You will be somewhat surprised at the date of my letter when we left Troy we had not thought of coming directly to Monroe, but we concluded during our journey that it would be about as well to come here, as to stop at Maumee, as there is no difference in the expense of living at the two places.

We had a delightful trip every thing was pleasant, the weather was good and every thing was as we could have wished it. Margaret very much pleased and satisfied.

My letter from the first week was lost and her letter when we arrived here her chest was nearly as sore as mine. Her leg continued to get better, it had not broken out in any other place and the only remaining sore is nearly cured.

I believe she is well contented, although she has had one or two spells of homesickness. We arrived at Maumee on Saturday spent Sunday there heard two very excellent sermons and left there Monday morning arrived here in the afternoon rec'd two calls yesterday (Tuesday) and spent last evening (by invitation) with Mrs. Carter the Lutheran minister's wife. You see by this journal the difference of sociability between Monroe Michigan and

Tray Ohio. I am much pleased with the appearance of this place, and should like to live here although I think that improbable. The society is very good and the health excellent.

Houston is out at home although he is expected daily. He will advise us about obtaining a place to live here for until Spring we shall have to board when I think it likely if we can rent a house that this will be our home for about a year or at all events until we can become permanently settled in business.

He shall be now able to inform you of our plans and Father will be able to give you any information with respect to our present situation, his company will be a great addition to our pleasure.

So tell me when you write which I hope will be soon all about your affairs; has Maj. Gwynne written any thing respecting your going to Cincinnati? Have you heard from dear Matilda? How are the dear children do not let them forget me.

Remember me to all who may inquire after me. Do tell me if Mr. Young has left Troy yet.

I believe Mary thinks of adding a line which you know is to be very private and I leave the next page for her. For the present my dear mother Good-bye bid adieu to all. Remember to Mrs. Worrel and family. Particularly to the

Misses. (How do the caps come on?)

May God bless you and keep you all from harm is your dear daughter's earnest prayer.

Charlotte Dickinson
Fair Haven.

Dear Mother

I have nothing to tell you in the shape of news except that we arrived safe, we had excellent roads all the way and all the stopping places were pretty good, at one place we were asked to have one room for ten persons which they cooked. We were left in the night at Ephraim and took tea with Mr. & Mrs. [redacted] the next day. The next day we were sent to [redacted] at Maumee on Sunday, where I heard two excellent sermons. They have a very good tavern called the Jefferson house kept by Judge Steele. Houston boarded here. I expect him in a week however, and then the boarders will determine what to do. I went to see two little girls last night, they are very sweet behaved children. The oldest one is something like Rose. Give my love to Abba and Ellen and tell Martha that if I did not feel so lazy I would write to her.

Your affectionate daughter
M. S. C.

Capt Hunter and his wife have gone on to
Princeton in great haste to see their sister
Miss Haskell who is dangerously ill.
I thought I must tell this for I knew it
would interest you although I had closed my
letter. Love off daughter Charlotte.

Very
truly
yours
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Ms. A. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.

Ms. A. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.

I have been in the parlour and in
course of conversation found that she had
written or rather from that is her second
husband's name (she is directly from Detroit on
her way to New York. She tells me Mrs. Luchins
new house is doing
very well and has
a much pleased
3 months to a
lady from N.Y.

Flat Rock Feb. 12. 1838.

My dear Grand-mother

I was born this morning about 6 o'clock, and will assure you I am a very healthy little fellow, and weigh $9\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. My day I have almost as much on my head as my father; that my forehead and chin are like my father's. I cannot say it is so, for I have not yet looked in a glass. My dear mother is doing very well, and both she and my father are very proud of me.

Give much love to my aunts Martha and Ellen and Uncle Malcomb and tell them you wrote to him.

Your very affectionate Grandson
Malcolm Clark

P.S. Father says my eyes I now belong to the Clark family.

My dear Mother

I have every reason to thank my God for his goodness to us. He has given us, a fine little boy, and we are rejoicing in my presence and in good health. I wish you could see him. He is somewhat ^{weak} but does not show it in his conversation. — Her troubles commenced about mid-

night, the child was born about 6 o'clock in
the morning. She suffered much pain during
the last two hours, and had quite a hard
time of it, but she is by strength and
and when they called her in to see her
my darling wife ^{was} cheerful and happy, and
she would have been surprised that she
had just been in pain.

When I first saw the little fellow I thought
he looked like Major Blank, but it is hard
to see any marked expression in such young
folks. — He nurses well, and eats like a
man. We have a good physician, and what
the mother had and good nurses. Mary
was with her.

I am? 13. Charlotte is doing very well
slept well last night; keeps very cheerful,
but looks a little more pale than usual.
Malcolm is well; a little vociferous when
his stomach aches, which is but seldom;
looks better than he did yesterday, and
eats heartily.

I wish much that you could see these
precious ones. — Give much love and
many kisses to Ellen & Mary. Mary is very
fond of her little nephew.

Charlotte sends much love, and says:

Charlotte I am happy and thankful; I have
a nice little boy and want her to come
and see it.

They all say I have grown fast.
With much love, your son

A. J. B. and son

Brownstown Mich
Feb 13 1835

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Mrs Charlotte C. Briggs

George St

Church Cincinnati

Dear Henry:
I will trust that you receive the
enclosed ones. — How much we all
long to see you. — How much we
long to see your little nephew.
Charlotte sends much love and says:

(Copy)

Treasury Department

Ind. Audit & Office

30 June 1836

Madam,

Your communication of the 26th ult. relative to the account of the late Buist Major V. Clark, with its enclosures, has been received.

On reference to the account of Major Clark on the books of this office, I find a balance standing against him of \$6872.98, arising on a settlement made the 28th of last month on account of "Indian Annuities". This balance being suspended for a want of compliance with the regulations governing the payment of settlements. On the date of the above settlement a letter was addressed to Major John Green, the commanding officer at Fort Winnebago, with a statement of the informality that existed in the account, and requesting him to procure, if practicable, and transmit without delay, such evidence as would enable me to pass the above balance to the credit of Major Clark. The answer to that letter has not yet been received.

On examining the pay account of Major Clark, I find a charge for pay in the "staff" from the 21st July to 3rd Nov. 1834, when "performing the duty of A. C. & and A. C. Dr. etc." which is inadmissible, being unauthorized by law.

The claim for servants and horses will require the certificate of an officer of the Army, or the affidavit of any other disinterested person, showing that the servants and horses were kept in

in service during the period for which they are charged.

With reference to the "Indian Accounts" of Major Clark, I would beg leave to suggest, that, if his papers are all in your possession, and you should discover any documents connected with the payments of the Indian Annuities, by transmitting them to this office, they may enable me to allow the credit necessary to close your late husband's accounts, and at the same time prevent the delay of waiting an answer from Major Green.

Very respectfully
Madam,

Yrs. Obedt. Servt.

Wm. D. Lewis

Flat Rock Aug. 30, 1838.

My dear Charlotte, Your precious letter, of Aug 11th, was rec^d yesterday. How it gladdened my heart, to find that you and our precious babe, were well; for I had felt anxious about you both, on account of the excessively hot weather. I feared your sickness might continue, and that he might be taken ill. I endeavor to thank God, for his great goodness to us, and morning and evening do. I entreat him, to continue his kind care over my wife and little one, and to restore us soon to each other. We must pray constantly to be directed in the path of duty, and I do not know that I ^{forget} the importance, of submitting every thing to him, and praying for his guidance, more than on the present occasion. I feel pretty certain, that in the course of the winter, the Gibraltar Company will resume the work on the canal, and I may find employment on it. If not, I sh^d think, that I sh^d certainly find business, on some of the works, that are now in progress in the State. In the latter case, I sh^d not be so far removed from my family, but that I c^d return frequently;—and if employed by the Gibraltar Company, I sh^d not be away from you at all, except, perhaps at dinner. In either case, I sh^d be here to attend to my property, which must be sacrificed, if I leave now. We can live very economically here this winter; much more so, than we did last winter, and I trust much more comfortably. In the mean time I can be looking out for business West, in Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, or Wisconsin. If I sh^d leave here now, and not find employment immediately,

It wd be a sad operation for us, As the prospect looks at present, I think it is the best for us to spend this winter here. Still I am not so determined, but that I wd change my mind, if any opportunity of doing better, sh^d offer itself when I return to Ohio. It is not certain that I find employment at Englewood here, still I think it very probable.

Monday night. Sept. 3.^d My darling wife. I wish I wd tell you when to look for me; as yet I can set no time. I have sent the books &c. The urn, table cloth, and some other articles are packed in a tea chest. Instead of using straw to pack with, I took the contents of one of your bundle bags. If they are any particular use to you, you can get them when the box is unpacked. You will find the bag with them I think. The key of the mess chest is in the liquor case tied up in a piece of paper. The water must be low in the canal as well as in the river, and I doubt whether they will reach Cincinnati before the 1st of October. — How much I wish to hear what you think of spending another winter here. It cannot but be a disappointment to you; still I think we cannot do better. I have made an estimate of expenses for living this winter, (you know I am fond of making estimates) and have calculated that they will not much exceed \$200. for six months, and sh^d we remain here a year (~~the expenses for the whole year~~) I sh^d think \$350. wd cover all our expenses of food, clothing, servants wages &c. during the year. How much I wish that you & my little one were here with me now. It is very lonesome without you. There is not a soul in the house beside me, and I hear nothing but the ticking of your watch, and the occasional snapping of the fire. You must know that it has been so cool, for the last four or five days, that a fire feels very comfortable morning & evening. The cool weather appears to have checked the sickness considerably. Dr Dearborn, however, is attacked with it. I trust he will

soon be up. Thus far God has been pleased to keep me in health. May we never forget his goodness to us. I pray that all our afflictions may be blessed to us, and that in every trial we may feel more & more our need of him & our dependence on him. I thank God for restoring you to health & for preserving our little one from sickness thus far. — I was delighted with the account you gave of him in your last. You must always devote part of your letter to him. He may pull my whiskers as much as he pleases, nevertheless if he pulls too hard, I must clip them rather shorter than longer times near them. Isabella will be able to take very good care of him. She holds Mrs Dearborn's boy every day and is very careful. — Susanne Lott (that was) was in town to day. She will want some one to help nurse her baby soon. Let me see, — she was married on the 4th of July, and tomorrow will be the 4th of September two months. Well that is pretty fair. Michigan is a good place for children.

Sept. 4.th I intended to have filled this, this morning, but have been so much engaged that I do not find time to form well dearer love.

Kiss my darling boy and tell him here is a kiss from father; you will find another then for yourself. God bless you. Love to all.

Your own husband

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Brownstown Mich Paid 1834
Sept 4 1838 }

Mrs L. A. Clark
for Mrs G. P. Vancleave
Cincinnati
Ohio

Detroit Aug. 1. '38 (La. Mc Goodell's place)

My dear Charlotte

I arrived here this morning (about 1 o'clock last night) in health and good spirits, and am sorry to say I find Mrs. Goodell no better; - she suffers no ^{excepting her kind} pain, but is very feeble. That she may be supported by an unwavering faith must be our constant prayer. She sends much love to you and says your visit, short as it was, has afforded her much happiness. She wishes me to remind Mary of her promise to write to Harriet Ann. They all inquire of you very particularly. - Is it not provoking? Capt. Schuster arrived here the day we left and regretted much not meeting us. He was bound for the "Sault". It would have afforded us much pleasure to have met him here. Capt. Low is at Fort Gratiot, and has left his family at Fort Winnebago, it is supposed for the winter. He is expected here in a day or two. I may have the pleasure of meeting him here to day. Oh so I wish let you know I will be detained here till tomorrow morning, for want of a steamer.

Every day I feel more anxious to close
my concerns in this State and return to
you, my precious darlings. The weather has
continued hot so long that I fear my darling
boy may become thin before I see him again.
If I could only see those bright eyes now, and
hear that sweet voice telling mother & father
of his adventures, I should be delighted I wish.
When you write tell me everything he says, and
remember that every thing that concerns
him will interest me. — I will write
as soon as I get to Flat Rock (I was go-
ing to say home but I can no longer consider
it so) and give you all the information pos-
sible respecting my concerns. You must re-
member that the mail leaves there on Tues-
days. Of course I cannot mail another let-
ter before next Tuesday, and it is probable
it will be longer on its journey than one
from this place. I left Mrs Worthington at
Carysburg yesterday in good health. I
hope you will call on Mrs W. as often as
convenient. It is probable that she may leave
Cincinnati before this reaches you as
she intends visiting Clayton & the Springs.
Did I mention in my last (mailed at Harmon) that
Jonathan's mother was with Cousin Maria-
na? She is an excellent woman, and would be
very glad to see you.

I am anxious to learn when Samuel will be
in Cincinnati; how long he proposes staying
in the neighborhood; and what his plans are
about going to Missouri. I will use every
effort to meet him before he leaves. I hope
Louisa will remain at Cincinnati, Dayton
or in Kentucky till Spring.

I have just been writing to Horst regard-
ing his assistance in selling my concerns.
But I doubt much whether he breathes a
breath for me. Poor fellow, I think my re-
quests are not in his line. He will never
find a favorable opportunity to speak of
my concerns. Remember this, and see
if I do not prophesy right. —

May 2. I leave Flat Rock. The weather is now cool & pleasant.
I hope you find it so. Mrs Goodell says I
must tell you that the same bright moon shone
on me last night, that I shone on you.

I am well, my darlings. May God bless
you and soon restore us to each
other. Again I say farewell.

Yours truly
Mr & Mrs Goodell send much love to you all.



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Mrs C. A. Clark
for Mrs C. A. Van Cleave

Cincinnati
Ohio

Detroit Feb 7 1857

My dear wife

We arrived here this evening. Do not look for me till Friday evening, and be not disappointed if you do not see me till Saturday. We may possibly be detained here till then. I am well & in good spirits, and want to see my darling very much. Am anxious to know how you are getting along in the Macomber house with Mr. & Mrs. Abbott. Comes to see you frequently and will go out with you whenever you may wish. Has Lou Ellen got off yet? I have not yet visited any of my old friends, - think of calling on Mrs. Abbott this evening. Much love to you & Mary & God bless my darling.

I visited Gibraltar. Am pleased with it, but not at all like Colibe there. Detroit has increased more than I expected.

Your sincerely attached husband

Horatio O'Connell

I wish you wd tell Hous to write to sister Mary Anna de Manpower soon and let

them know where we are. If he intends
to write to Louisa soon he will of course
tell her where we are.

Again my sweet wife I must bid
you fare well. Adieu



Mrs Charlotte O. Van Cleve

Box 47 Van Cleve

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for me, and tell him to give you as many
And now farewell my precious darling, May
daily prayers be sent to you by father & mother
and may all say he is well & each other and
in health. I love you both
Hattie Park Oct 2, 1838

My dear wife

This is the only paper I find
in our bag, so you must not hold
a last check for me. I have
seen the one, I say that I have
and Malcolms business, but I find
none of them; they had all gone to the
East. I wrote to Malcolm from Detroit
I directed to Washington. On my
return, I went to Monroe on a visit.
Monroe is well, and anxious to see
you. Mrs. Wythe has been sick but
is now well. The Monroe people
(that is to say most of his church)
have treated him rather shamefully.
Foble, Ming & others have left him
and joined the new party. The church
consequently is not able to support
him, and he is obliged to leave.

They expect to go in about two
weeks. The ~~fact~~ much due to
young & sickly reports, especially
that she has never had an oppor-
tunity of becoming acquainted with
Iptachaped. Two chains of

Chain for him to set up this table, and
a low one chair. I also engaged
the ladies for matters in case he should
not sell it for a chair.

Yesterday I went to the house
where a boy is a candidate for the
position of candidate for the
Lepidoptera. All my traveling has
been in Old Tip, so you see I have
not the opportunity of observing

outside of it. Tomorrow after the
mail comes and after I have read
your letter that it will bring I will
try to start for Ipswich to see
if he can be sold. And next Monday

day I shall be going to the house
for once. I expect to be there
under the necessity of stopping a
day at any time, so you will see
you will be there for the week following. You
must ^{not} look for me too long.

That I am going to stay here
may not be true. I am not sure
it is a pretty long journey
may be delayed considerably.

My time is spent in the house
that you if the little house is
a healthy part of the country that
full & summer there has been
a great deal of sickness here. All
of the people of the vicinity have been sick

excepting the few who have
gone to see the relations. As the
weather becomes cooler the sickness
abates, Mrs. Jackson Shakes particularly.
I wish to see you in Ireland have been

building a flying mill, which will
of course be a benefit to the place. But
all the time I am going on here
and I fear I am not doing
so much as I ought. I am really
tired and have not brought the
news for my house, and I fear I will
be the worse for the matter.

Mr. C. C. Black
Cincinnati
Ohio

Thank you for the paper. But I am com-
ing the first before the eggs are hatched,
and my horse is not old yet.
But much love to all. My affection
to Mrs. & Carter &c. Kiss my precious boy
on my knee, each one, and the 4th

Flat Rock Aug. 4th 1838

My precious wife

When I am in our old quarters, where we have spent many a day together. Now they look lonely enough, and while I write, I hear nothing but the cricket and some of his companions. I sleep here and eat with the Doctor; Mrs. D. is not well enough to sit at the table, but she is as well as could be expected. Just think, their little boy (Henry Hoback) only weighs 5 lbs. When I called at the Doctor's on my return here, he introduced me to his wife and son, a wee child I assure you. It is very healthy looking, & like our dear boy, never cries. Poor little Mary Hoback has lost the use of her eyes that she injured with a fork. She cannot see with it. I have just been over there & Miss Mary Hoyt was very anxious to know, if I was not home, and so on. I told her I was, and so on. When I came by Gibraltar on Thursday, Springfield's daughter asked very particularly whether I had returned without going. She is quite pretty, so is Mary Hoback.

This place really look des-
tate, there is no business going on in the place
the streets and roads are overgrown with
grass and weeds. The people look out of the
windows and the street goes as usual about
their hands. The houses in our garden are so
high that it is hard to find the paths. Rose
and I have been to the place, but I have
not seen any of the people.

My friend, I have given him to Mr.
Grisson. — Mr. Stair has a new white hat
and a light coloured with it occasional
ly while you were here, but so seldom
that I do not think it might be
need to you. — Percy Clark has been
on a visit to Whitefish. I have not seen
him since my return. — All your friends
inquire very particularly of you, and wish
to know when you will return. I tell them
not till I hear from you. — The house that
I bought at so much trouble has been
rebuilt. — I have been assured from
New York with money to continue the
Carpenter's works, the inhabitants of
this place will be able to hope for
to handle some of it.

Amos Deane born in the District South of New York
to you. They feel very much distressed
about the death of our country. I would
be surprised if they will leave this place in the course
of a year. — I have been moving my stable up
to the street, and may it for a while be up
to suit any of the way want to rent. I
will be glad to hear from you.

I cannot take with me the children. — The red
I am packing up. I have packed more than
half. I think I shall hope to have every thing
settled by the end of this month. — I shall
I will return to you by the 15th of the month.
I shall start about the 1st of the month.
We have not yet heard from you. I have been
here. I am very anxious to hear from you.
I shall be glad to hear from you. I shall
get some employment in this local part.
It is not possible that it will be very profitable.
I shall be glad to hear from you. I shall
must present my best
respects to all of the ladies. I shall be
give my love to all. I shall be glad to hear
in thousands. — My best love to you and
your family.

The weather is clearing The mail I must
write in a hurry. — It appears to me that the
people here are quarreling more than ever
but I don't trouble myself about them con-
cerned, — I expect to go to house to mor-
row or next day to see King and on to
business.

73 Broad Street N.Y.C.
Aug 7 1838

My dear Mr. Black

I have not yet been to the land I do not
care about going there.
I will dearest. Love your Horatio