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Flat Rock Aug 13, 1838.

My dear friend
I have been busy (but not
being) ever since my return here, in packing
up - disposing of what I do not wish to carry
with me, and arranging my affairs
so that I can leave everything in such a shape
as not to be a trouble after I leave this
place. When this is done I hope to bid Flat Rock
farewell. I sold Rose for \$30. ^{to Mr. Anthony} (but you re-
collect I had given her a note for \$50. of course
that \$20 went towards the payment of the note).
I sold to Kelly for \$6. Several
to buy Daisy. I'll have no diffi-
culty in getting \$30. for her. Sely I can no
doubt sell for \$10 or \$12. But on these have
spoken of purchasing her. But here comes
the rub. There is no money circulating in
these parts, and all who come to buy, wish
to make a run so their things must go
towards paying some debts. I did ex-
pect to send you a supply of funds by this
mail, but you must wait a few days longer.

his is all the good money (that is money
that will pass in Ohio) that I can get hold
of just now; And I will be obliged to go to
Detroit, ^{or maybe} before I can make another remittance,
for Eastern money is almost as scarce
as gold, and our wild cat paper will do
you no good. — You must bear in mind
that any thing happen to me that on the 1st of
November ^{next} \$15.00 will be due in Indianapolis,
for which you will have ^{to write} Mr John Mc Clougall. — Houston owes me ^{near} \$800, but I
fear he will be under the necessity of owing it.
I say these things, dearest, not to make you
feel unhappy, for I pray that I may soon
be restored to you; but you know, love,
that life is uncertain, and it is our duty,
as far as possible to have our affairs so ar-
ranged, that all may receive their dues.
In my last, I think I mentioned that the pros-
pects for this place were brightening somewhat,
that Howard had effected a loan of \$50,000
and that it was intention of the company to
push the work on immediately. To day a dif-

ferent story is told. Howard has not obtained
the money and it is feared the Company
will close their concerns. My Gibraltar Stock
that I hoped might some day bring me at
least what I paid for it ~~over~~ \$700 about
\$800, I fear will prove trash. ~~Although~~
teaches us dearest the vanity of putting trust
in this world's goods. Let us look up to him daily
and hourly for support in all our trials and
difficulties; that he may keep us from sin and
teach us resignation to his divine will. We know
that our Redeemer liveth; and though all for-
sake us, yet will he not, if we put our
trust in him. I regret that we had not our
precious babe, was not baptised when I was in
Cincinnati. We must not neglect it, for oppor-
tunities do not offer every day. Kiss the darling
for me. You and he are not forgotten in my dai-
ly prayers. I long to see you both, and hope to be
restored to you soon; but cannot for the time. I
wish to sell what we have, at the best advan-
tage, and when that is done we will have but
little. I strive not to repine, but I feel that
it is necessary for me to redouble my exer-
tions to earn something for the support of my
darlings. We must thank God for the health & streng-

ten Dollars
enclosed

he gives us. — Tuesday Aug 11. To day the mail goes
out, and to morrow it comes and I trust will bring
me news from my precious ones. Last Wednesday
I watched the factor opening the mail and my
heart beat quick in a sort of doubtful expec-
tation, but nothing came to cheer me. To morrow
I feel more certain of hearing from you.

Brownstown July 1838
Aug 14th 1838

Mrs John A. Clark
for Mrs. F. A. Clark
Cincinnati

Ohio



You must remember to give my respects
all. I am anxious to hear from Levee
Louis, and wish to meet them in Cincinnati.
I feel strongly inclined to go to this
Louis, if Levee thinks there will be business
for me there. I hope to hear from Henry by to-
morrow's mail. You must tell Mallum that he

Dayton 26th July 1837

My dear wife & darling son

I am well and expect
to leave this afternoon for Flat Rock.
I find all our friends well. Cousin
Maranda has made me promise
to beg you both to pay her a
visit, on my return. It is need-
less to say how much I miss
you, and my darling boy who
carries you about as father
used to. When mother writes you
must make your mark and
tell father whether you have mis-
sion him.

Love much love to all. I hope
we will not be separated long

Your affectionate husband

H. P. Van Cleave



Mrs L. A. Clark
for Mrs C. O. Bangs
George St
Hartford

Cincinnati Sept 28th 1838

Dearest husband

Yours of the 18th was rec'd last night and tended not a little I assure you to raise my drooping spirits as you named some particular time when you thought you should be able to set your face thitherward; for although the time of your arrival here is still uncertain, still I may hope if nothing prevents to see you in the course of three weeks, and the idea of such a thing's being possible comforts me exceedingly.

You seem to speak a little more encouragingly in your letter about your affairs, let us do our duty dearest and God will no doubt provide for us.

I like your plan of purchasing a beef for port mutton ship with the Dr. I hope I may be there to help you pack it, but if not try and get Mr. Green's recipe for making mince it is the best I know of for making pies. I long to be at home to make our arrangements for winter, we shall be so much more comfortable than we were last winter, while I am writing or rather trying to write this, our pet is creeping about the floor and has just climbed up by my elbow to look over my shoulder. Saturday morning. Thus far I wrote last night and was obliged to lay it aside to put the youngster to sleep and when I come to look at the page

this morning, I feel tempted to lay it aside and write another, but you will please to bear in mind that the baby was putting on me all the time and occasionally passing his broad fat hands over the paper thereby causing sundry blots etc. therefore I will let it go supposing that you will like it all the better for this. Yesterday we had a disagreeable rain which prevented my going to spend the day with Mrs. Worthington. I was somewhat disappointed for I anticipated much pleasure from the visit nevertheless I may possibly yet have the pleasure of visiting her. She is a very small woman, her health is still very delicate, and the physician tells her she must, if she wishes to recover her health, leave home and husband for some time. She says she thinks it a hard prescription and is doubtful whether she shall follow it, and Mr. W. says she can remain at home and be as careful as if she were away (very dubious).

If I felt certain that you would return through Dayton I would go there next week for I feel as if change of air was necessary for my health. I am far from well, I never was so weak in my life, I can scarcely walk, though I do not keep my bed. What can be the matter with me I cannot tell. My limbs almost refuse to do their office and it is really as great an effort to carry the baby across the room as it used to be to take him up to the Doctor. I attribute it to nursing

the baby and think that when the cooler weather comes, and we get away from the confined air of the city I shall feel better. Do not be alarmed by what I have written, there is nothing serious the matter with me unless I am incurable again which would be serious indeed. At all events whatever is the matter with me, I do think if I could see you once more I should be well, and if ever you trick me into so long a separation again I think I shall know it. If you write again do tell me the route you intend to take I want to know which way to look. You must bear in mind what I have so often told you that steam boats have done running on the river. Her house is full to overflowing, 28 son lodge under this roof nightly, she could have twice yet three times that number if her house were larger. She has some prospect of a longer home but will not be able to move, if she succeeds in getting it before the 1st of November.

The baby is better of his cold and is daily growing more interesting. I feel thankful that he has not been at Flat Rock this summer, most probably the darling would not have enjoyed such good health. I am sorry so many of the children have been sick but hope they are now getting better. Give much love to all my friends. If you have not already done it I think you had better put off

sitting your beef till now, we often have
 very warm weather in October. I do hope you
 will be on your way here. This letter reaches
 you, I feel so anxious to be at home providing
 for our comfort this winter that I cannot rest
 I am glad to hear that there is a prospect of

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W. Lawrence

Brownstone

Mich.



being done to purify the church at
 that Rock. it really is in a desperate way, but
 must pray that all things may be done with
 a view to the glory of God. I hope dearest you
 do not forget your poor wife in your prayers
 she has much need of help from on high the
 near state of my body prevents my being as much
 alive to duty, I fear as I ought to be. May

to do all things. My wife and I are not
 in a state to be separated, with me
 to be separated.

Cincinnati Sept 3^d 1838

My dear, darling Husband,

Yours of the 21st Ylt. has just reached me having been thirteen days on its way, and had I not supposed that the writer instead of the letter man on its way you would have heard from me before, I did not hear from you last week and supposed of course that you had started for home and therefore I did not write, do not think I did wrong, dearest, be assured I love dearly to write to you and would not fail in so doing from want of inclination, hereafter I shall not wait for your letters, but write as often as twice a week, but certainly I have written and you have not rec'd. the letters, the Post-masters are very negligent, I know and the letters must have miscarried, when I think of your having waited anxiously and then having been disappointed I can scarcely refrain from tears, but that I know they are useless, but dear how long is it to be so? when will you be able to come home? I try to be patient but it is hard and baby thinks so too he has long talks about you every day, and I know he wants to see Pa. Pa.

I do long to lay my head on your breast and have
a good cry, not because I feel unhappy, far from
it, but I feel as if it would do me so much good.
I know you will hasten home, I wish Famburn and
the Wild-cats were some where else, I long so to have
you see your darling boy, O. he is a treasure, he is
quite a pugnacious youth, you would laugh to see
him sometimes with his Uncle's head in his lap pulling
his hair or thumping his face with his little round
fist, he actually couples up his fist and puts his
thumb between his fore and middle fingers.
I spent a day very pleasantly with my dear
friend Mrs Burnett, her little boy is a year old but
not near so large as ours, they live very prettily
and comfortably and she is certainly a treasure
to her husband, "le Petit" You and I have an
invitation to the wedding of Judge Burnett's young-
est daughter Wednesday evening, and I think I shall
drop in long enough to see the ceremony, performed
Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Weston have invitations
also, I do not know that they will all go, the bride
is considered quite beautiful, the groom is but
20 years of age but very gentlemanly and pleasing
he is the son of Judge McLean, (what a pair!)

Do not be distressed about me as it respects
funerals, I have not suffered, I have needed
very few articles and have had sufficient do.
not send me one cent more if it will detain you
a moment. I have rec'd from you \$20 safe.
People here find no difficulty about money
every body seems to have enough. Silver-plates
however are no longer current. I am sorry
to hear that there is so much sickness about
you. God grant my darling may be kept
from harm, baby and I are in ^{excellent} ^{healthy}
health improved very much in health within
a week or two. Pray for us darling, as I know you
do and pray that we may all be kept from
temptation. If our sweet one were awake he should
make his mark but it is late in the evening and
he has long been asleep. Have you written to Mr. Dar-
nell's Miss. We are all very well. The weather is
delightful. Mr. Gwynne and his wife are expect-
ed home this week, I shall be delighted to see
them. Uncle Phillips and his wife will probably
be in Dayton soon. The baby is stirring and I must
prepare to go to bed, give my love to all my

friends. Mr. Maleson and all send love. Ellen
is very anxious to see you, I just now requested her
not to make so much noise, she replied as if
speaking to some one else "Charlotte is such a
cross-patch, I mean to ask her husband to come

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Wm. W. Van der
Brownstown
Mich.



your prayers for dear dear
Ellen says that the baby is going
to be a princess.

away from her," Poor dear child she loves her
dear Godfather very much and would like
much to live with him herself. And now Good-
night dearest. May the arm of the Eternal
be over you my precious one and protect
you from harm and may he permit us
to meet soon in health and happiness

Treasury Department
Ind. Auditing Office

12. August 1836

Madam,

I have just received a letter from
Major Geo. Green conveying a request, from you, to be in-
formed of the state of the account of your late husband
Major V. Clark. In compliance with your desire I have
now the honor to enclose the copy of a letter addressed to
you from this office on the 30 June last containing all the
information I am at present possessed of in relation to
these accounts.

The "additional vouchers", which Major
Green states were transmitted to this office, were, unfortunately,
copies. - I was therefore under the necessity of returning them
with directions to forward the originals, which when received
and found satisfactory will be passed to the credit of his
account in the Indian Department. There will thus be no
further delay in the settlement of his pay accounts.

With great respect

I am, Madam,

Yrs. Mo. Chas. S. S.

Mrs. Charlotte A. Clark
late of Professor Gibbs.

New Haven

Conn.

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Mr. Chauncey C. Clark
Care of Joseph Gibbs
New Haven
Connecticut

Treasury Department
Aud. & Auditor's Office
26: August 1836

Madam

In acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 23. instant, relative to the late Pte. Major N. Clark, I have to assure you that your wishes as therein expressed shall be duly complied with.

With respect,

Madam

Yrs. Obedt. Servt.

W^m Lewis

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