



Horatio P. Van Cleve and
family papers.

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Flat Rock Jan 29th 1846.

My dear Sister

Again we have been called to mourn over the loss of a darling child. We had fondly hoped that our little Isabelle might be spared to us, having already been twice afflicted. She appeared to be a remarkably healthy child, and had entwined herself closely about our hearts. The day after she was three months old she was taken sick, and on the morning of the tenth day of her sickness she was taken away. She suffered much from a dreadfully ulcerated mouth & throat.

My dear Margaret we know that you sympathize with us, having yourself been afflicted, but were it not that our Heavenly Father mercifully supports us in our afflictions, we would certainly be completely ~~weighed~~ weighed down, and crushed under our load of trials. Three darling children have been torn from us; but in our affliction, we have the sweet consolation of knowing that God has taken them to himself, and that all three, with your dear little one, are enjoying his presence and are engaged in singing the praises of their Redeemer. — I sometimes ask why I am thus afflicted, but I deserve it all, and ^{know} that God does all things well, although his ways are mysterious.

When I was last at Ipsilanti Antoinette told me that you, in writing to her, had mentioned that I was in your debt. I think it very probable for I have written but little ~~for any~~ of my friends for the last year or two. I have many hindrances and interruptions, - so many that it is hard for me to fill a sheet without being called off several times. But although I am in your debt, I believe you are in Charlotte's, and I would be glad to have you pay the debt as soon as you can conveniently.

We expect to go to Ipsilanti by the 1st of April perhaps as early as the 20th of March, if there should be a prospect at that time, of a general "break up" and of bad roads. We calculate to make our home there and if you should ever wish to get rid of the noise & bustle of the city, you can easily take a trip westward and pay all your brothers a visit, and perhaps Louisa too, for we expect her there next summer. I ~~sh~~^{do} think such a trip would please Mr Johnston, and it surely would be very gratifying to Charlotte & me to see you both and have you spend some time with us.

I had a letter from Houston last evening and suppose that they must all be well at Ipsilanti, as he said nothing to the contrary. We are all well, and try to keep in good spirits, but our afflictions weigh heavily upon us. Pray for us dear sister.

Remember me to your husband. I wish much to cultivate an acquaintance with him. Charlotte sends much love. May God bless you both, and your little one. - Farewell dear sister. We would be much gratified to hear from you.
Your brother Horatio.

Brownstown Mich

Feb 5

Recd Feb 14th 1846

Ans. to C. 16. 1846

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Prof. E. A. Johnson
for Mrs M. F. Johnson

University

New York City

Dear Mother Boston 6th 1876.



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...when she will not be comforted. She is a
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...to see that she may do some
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Both children speak of you all frequently and look forward with
...I hope
...and consequent loneliness
...that he has
...affection upon heavenly

or two should nothing prevent her to the contrary, I should like to see her
again. Then I shall also try to dispose of my sister's
an excellent one and I should not find time to write to her. I shall
sell it for its value I shall pack with it
should find time to write to her. I shall
of the piece, and I should like to hear from you.

Brownstown N.H.
March 12

Flat Rock. March 11th 1846

Dear Margaret.

Your sweet letter was received a short time since and I assure you it has afforded me much comfort and satisfaction. It is truly a great comfort to me in my afflictions to feel that I have sympathizing friends, and it does me much good to receive comfort from those who have been similarly afflicted. You say with much truth, that these things tend to draw our minds from this world and fix them more entirely upon our Heavenly Father, how forcibly do I sometimes feel myself drawn upwards, and almost long for the time when my soul, separated from this cumbrous body shall wing her flight to those regions of bliss whither so many of my treasures have preceded me. I know however that it is wrong to be impatient and hope it is my desire calmly and cheerfully to wait God's own time and suffer if need be, still more in this world that I may be the better prepared to enjoy that happiness which I trust is in store for me. I feel thankful that God has not left me comfortless but that he has sent his Holy Spirit to comfort and heal my poor wounded heart, and I pray daily for more faith that I may constantly realize the perfect bliss of my little trio and that I may fix my thoughts above and beyond this world, whose brightest joys are so fleeting. Sometimes when alone I let my imagination carry me to heaven and can almost see our three little ones and their angel cousin as they unite their voices in singing praises to their Redeemer and cast their glittering crowns at his feet, and then in the spirit of those sweet lines you sent me I feel that "I'd rather lose our other two, than miss them here again."

We are expecting to remove to Upsalante the last of this month when I intend to try and establish a school and hope that strength will be given me to carry it on. I feel the necessity of exerting myself for a few years at least, and shall do so most cheerfully, it is my own proposition and Horatio is rather opposed to it, fearing it will be too much labour for me, but I feel as if it is my duty and am confident if that is the case, that God will give me strength to perform it.

Horatio was at John's a short time since, they were all well, but little Julia had been very sick, it would be a great shock to John and Antoinette to lose one of their children and I fear they are not altogether prepared to meet it.

We have not heard very lately ~~and~~ from Louisa, in her last letter she seemed very anxious to remove to Michigan and was very anxious that Horatio should come out for her and assist her in settling her business. I am very anxious she should come, for I know she is not happy there.

Anna was delighted with your letter, and frequently asks me to read it to her and seemed much pleased with the thought that possibly you might some day visit Upsalante with little cousin Fanny. You may be assured we should be most happy to have you do so, and when Louisa gets settled there it seems to me there will be so many attractions in Michigan that you will have to improve some college vacation and with our good brother Alfred come Westward.

I am looking for a visit from Mother and Isabella next summer and you may imagine how delighted we shall all be if we are not disappointed.

Horatio is absent on a surveying trip, and will not return before the mail goes out or he would probably add something. He spoke of wishing to write to Mr Johnson and will probably do so soon. This scrawl is not fit to send, but I trust you will make allowance for me. My time is so constantly occupied that I can spend but a few minutes over a letter and am constrained to send just such scratches as this, or do as sister Mary-Anna ^{does} and not write at all. We were glad to hear from her through you, when you have an opportunity give her much love from us. Kiss little Fanny for us all remember us affectionately to Mr Johnson and receive a large share of love for yourself from your afflicted sister

Charlotte A. Van Cleve.

Brownstown Mich
March 12

Recd. March 23. 1860

Ch. O.V.

Mrs M. V. Johnson
Care of Professor E. A. Johnson
University
New York city

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For Mr
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Upsalante Apr. 8th 1846

Dear Sister

I have at last moved, to this place
bag & most of my baggage. It will be much
more pleasant for us here with our friends, than
it was at Flat Rock, and I trust it will be
to my advantage.

We had a letter from Louy yesterday.
She has been sorely afflicted, by the loss of
her youngest child - Camilla. She died sud-
denly, and unexpectedly after a short ill-
ness. She has but few friends to sympathize
with her then, but those few are very kind.
She has made up her mind to come here
immediately, and wishes me to come after
her forthwith. It will not be in my power to
go before the middle of May, and as I am
at present short of funds it will be difficult
for me to arrange my affairs so as to leave
home then. This being the state of the case I
should like to borrow of you or sister
Mary Anna one hundred dollars for a year
or fifteen months, for which I am willing
to pay a good interest. Whether you can or
cannot let me have it, I should like to
hear from you as soon as possible,
after you receive this. —

When Louy comes we will expect to
see you and Mr Johnson during his next
vacation. Remember me to your husband
& kiss the little for us. Charlotte & the children
are well. She sends much love.

Farewell, May God bless you.

Yours brother

Horatio.

Recd. Ap. 13, 1866

Prof. E. Alfred Johnson
For Mrs W. W. Johnson
University
New York City

Spilanti Apr. 27th 1846

Dear brother

I received a letter from Margaret a few days since containing a check from you for one hundred dollars, for which I am much indebted to you (both of you) and which shall be repaid in due time. It was my intention to have left for Missouri in May, but Louisa has since written requesting me not to come until July, as she cannot rent her farm until after harvest; she wishes me to come then and remain for some time and assist in settling her business. I sincerely hope it will be in your power to ~~join~~ us on a visit with Margaret and the little one, when Louisa comes. We should all be extremely happy to see you. I do not know how long I will be detained in Missouri, but I hope not long both on Louisa's account and my own for my time is precious at present, having much to do, and hardly knowing how to leave home. Give much love to my Sister Margaret and sometime when you have leisure drop a line this way. - I have to go to Flat Rock today ~~and~~ business and have not time to write more but will deputize Charlotte to finish this. She is scolding me for it, but it cannot be helped.

Sincerely yours
H. P. Van Cleave

Dear Sister Margaret

On the next page you will no doubt find a very interesting letter from Charlotte. It is not yet written but I know it will be good. "Todgers come, when Todgers has the means." via Martin Chuzzlewit

Your brother Rask.

Dear Margaret

Rash has told me that I must finish this letter and although I am exceedingly hurried in getting my house in order and making up my spring work etc. still I remember that I have promised to obey him and hasten to fulfill his commands. I always love to write to my dear Maggy but I like to choose my own time for it, for then I can do it more to my own satisfaction, but as the time has been chosen for me now, you must put up with what you get, and make all due allowances. The intelligence we have lately received from our dear Lony is distressing indeed, you and I can sympathize with her, but then in our afflictions dear sister we have had some earthly comforters to lean upon and help us bear our trials while poor Lony has been all alone in her trouble and has been obliged to follow her dear little one to the grave unsupported by any arm save perhaps that of a stranger, and has then returned to her home to weep alone over her bereavement. O that word alone how it makes me shudder. I feel that although my afflictions have been numerous and heart-rending, I have still great reason to be thankful that so far at least I have not been alone but that my dear dear husband has ever been near me to help me bear my grief. Let us pray that since all earthly comforters have been denied our dear Lony, she may feel her Saviour doubly precious to her, and we know that after all it is to God that we must look for permanent support and consolation. What should we do now the light of his countenance withdrawn from us? Life would indeed be a burden to us and yet we could not meet death in peace. Let us see to it that in view of all our trials we may lean more entirely upon our Saviour and on Him more who has bound us so much as for our sake to endure for a time the "hidings of his Father's countenance." I feel very anxious to see dear Lony but fear from her last letter that we shall not have her with us before July however we will consult upon it and send for her as early as she can possibly leave. We are all looking forward with much pleasure to seeing you and your dear baby, and we have been supposing that you would probably come out as soon as Louise arrives and then as soon as our dear brother is at liberty he will follow you and we need not tell you how happy we shall

be to see you all.

Antoinette wishes me to say to you that she has intended writing to you for some time past but that her children have been sick through the latter part of the winter with severe colds and just as they had recovered, her attention became entirely engrossed by a little strange now two weeks old ~~but~~ as soon as she is able she intends writing to you, but wishes you in the mean time not to wait for her but write her a letter without ceremony.

John has probably written you since the birth of the baby for he appears as much delighted as if it was the first son instead of the fourth, they call the youngster Charles Eugene, his uncle Rash adds Sham. Antoinette is very well as is also the boy. She has been disappointed in getting her nurse this time and it has been my business for some time to drop the baby, and as it time now to attend to this duty I must close this apology for a letter and go up the hill.

Malcolm has gone with his father to the Rock. Anna sends love and a kiss to little cousin Fanny and says she wants to see her. By the way Rash says that our little Anna looks much as you did at her age, if so, you were not an ugly child. Kiss the darling for us all and tell her that she has an uncle Rash and Aunt Charlotte may out in Michigan, who loves her very dearly. Love to brother Alfred and keep this shabby looking letter out of his sight for I am ashamed of it. Write soon dear Margaret and may God bless and keep you and yours in your sister's prayer
C. C. Van Allen



Recd. May 4. 1846

Professor E. A. Johnson.
University
New York City.

Summit N. J. June 4. 1846

Dear A.

I rec^d the amt of the Pension
from yesterday, amounting after deducting
taxes insurance & exp^s to \$179²³ of
which I send you half by enclosed check
& the balance to Maria by this Mail directed
to Monticello. John was entitled to a share in
it, but supposing you & L. were in want of money
I have taken the liberty to divide it. It will
make no difference in the end to him.

Nothing has been rec^d of Barton as yet,
but still hope to get a payment. I expect will pro-
ceed immediately to you John & Maria.

We feel confident that Uncle H.'s will
will be sustained, but expect the litigation to
be protracted. A new trial has been ordered - the former
^{we have the Court now with us}
verdict was a disadvantage. We are all well - I have not leisure
to write a long letter now, I will not detain the
check, as you may want. Remember me off &
to all the family - I hope to get out to see you
next year

Very affly Yours
G. H. Brown

P.S. I saw Bartly Stapton yesterday in Princeton.
He has it seems been successful in life

L. Brown

Wilmington June 25th 1846

Dear Margaret

Your letter of the 19th was received the day before yesterday and I have taken the earliest opportunity to answer it although I have so much business on hand that I must necessarily write a very few lines. We were disappointed to learn that we should not probably see you this summer but I do not see how you could leave home under existing circumstances.

We will hope however that next year you will be able to leave home and make us a good long visit. We are so anxious to see little Fanny; you never say half enough about her in your next letter you must tell us all about her.

I always write a great deal about my children and perhaps your silence on the subject is a delicate hint to me to say less of mine.

Horatio is very busy farming and the present arrangement is that John should take his place in going for Louisa. She cannot leave before August and John at that time will be more at liberty than Rash.

We are distressed to learn that her health is so poor, but her constitution is naturally so good that I think if she should once get away from that gloomy place she might entirely recover. Her present plan is merely to make a visit of a year and return, but if she will only come here we will try hard to keep her.

What a mile that was of Davie's! If he had given away the farm and the slaves and just left Louisa with what money might have been gathered in with which she could have purchased a house and lot near us

and then established a school if she found it necessary she would have been spared much trouble and care and would in reality have been better off. But perhaps it is all ordered for the best and we should not complain.

Johns, and Houston's families are all well. Elizabeth and Louisa were here last night and inquired after you. Give much love from us all to Mr Johnston and his dear little Fanny.

Write soon and at length and I will try and do the same. Has sister forgotten that she has a brother Rash?

Good Bye dear Maggie

In much haste yours most truly

Charleston A. Van Cleve



C. O. V.

Mrs. M. V. Johnson
Prof. E. A. Johnson
University
New York city

From Charles D. Van Dine
1846



Ypsilanti Aug. 21st 1846

Dear Margaret

I am not certain whether I am in your debt or not but I just felt as if it would give me pleasure to write to you and therefore this epistle was commenced.

My mother and sister Belle have been here on a short visit and left us yesterday for Detroit on their way home, you may imagine that we feel rather lonely in consequence, their visit was very pleasant to us and they seemed to enjoy it very much, they asked many questions about you and desired their love to you when I wrote. Belle expects somewhat to visit your city sometime in October or November and I should like to learn your number and street that she may be able to find you out. She may remain in the city a month and I should not like her to be there without a single acquaintance. Should she come it will not be as Belle Clark however, for mum is the word. My sister Mary was married I suppose you heard, last fall and has a little daughter some two months old. The folks in Ypsilanti are all well except Foustons wife who although not really confined to the house is very miserable, but we hope she will be better some time in October.

A letter from Lucy informs us that her plans are changed and that she intends spending the winter in Dayton; Uncle Phillips and Aunt have been making her a long visit and I think have succeeded in raising her spirits considerably. She has had a disturbance among her slaves which Uncle by his timely arrival was able to quell and which might

otherwise have given her much trouble.

John is expecting a visit from Dick and Lucy and their three daughters who are now on a trip to the Upper Lakes and will visit this place on their way home. It will give me much pleasure to see them. Lucy is a sweet woman and it is many years since we have met.

Louisa will probably be here in the Spring and may we not hope for a visit from you next summer? It is some time to look forward to but should nothing unforeseen prevent it would be very pleasant. How is little Fanny? we are all very anxious to see her. She is now of an age to be a first rate play thing and is no doubt a great comfort to you both. May her life and health be spared and may she turn to be a great blessing to her parents and friends. Kiss her for us both and tell her we love her dearly. How are sister and her little ones? we never hear from her. I wonder if she ever thinks of us, we frequently do of her and should be too happy to visit her in her quiet pleasant home.

Our children are well, both have grown so that you would not know them. Anna still continues to look like you and I hope you may see her before the resemblance is lost.

Horatio is very busy this summer and has been suffering much of late from a lame arm something like paralysis of the nerve. He is now under the care of a physician and I hope will soon be better. How is our brother Johnson? He should like much to become acquainted with him. My remembrance of him is a timid youth asking Miss Margaret to go with him to a concert. Time has probably made some change in him as well as the

rest of us. This is a world of change, happy are we if we can look forward to a world where there is no change but from glory to glory, where there is no parting from loved ones no sickness and sorrow when we can rest forever from the cares and trials of this world and forever drink in immortal life from the sunshine of our Father's smiles. Shall we not then bless him for those trials that have brought us to him?

O yes my dear sister we shall, for already I can feel that it is good to be afflicted, and when I see those around me who have never been tried, going on carelessly, unmindful of their eternal welfare I feel that my troubles have been a mark of God's peculiar favour to me, and can thank him that he has deemed me worthy to be afflicted. May we never forget the calls that have been made to us again and again, but in all humility may we go on in the discharge of duty until all on earth shall be done and we shall be received into heaven through the merits of our blessed Saviour.

May God bless you and yours ever prays your affectionate sister

Charlotte C. Van Buren.

Aug 25th Since Charlotte wrote the above, Cousin Dick has arrived with his family. Anna was taken sick yesterday with a fever. I hope it will not prove dangerous. We have been so much afflicted, that now when either of our little ones are taken sick, it causes us great anxiety. Remember me to your husband very affectionately.

Your own brother Horatio.

Prof. E. A. Johnson
for Mrs M. V. Johnson

University

New York City

L. L. Phillips

Cincinnati Sept-15th 46

Dear Mrs Johnson,

You will be surprised to learn that the bearer of this letter (Isabelle Clarke whom you last saw a little girl.) was married this morning to Mr Mellen a young Lawyer highly esteemed here; they will be in New York about ten days Isabelle will want to make some purchases, if you will have the goodness to direct her to the best places, for obtaining the articles which she needs, we shall feel much obliged to you — Isabelle and myself made Charlotte a visit a few weeks since, they were pretty well, altho not situated as I could wish. Anna has been very ill since I left, her life was in great danger, but her mother writes that they now hope, she will soon be well —

My Compliments to your husband

with much esteem

Your friend

Charlotte A Clarke

(Put the Stamp in
at the Franklin House)



Mrs M. Johnson
Care of Prof. C. A. Johnson

(at Franklin House)

New York

114 West 13th

Ypsilanti Nov. 10th 1846

My dear Sister

We are all in deep affliction. Our Heavenly Father has sorely bereaved our dear Brother Houston, by taking from him, his beloved wife. Our dear sister Elizabeth we trust is now with her Savior, her God. She gave birth to a son near four weeks since from the effects of which she never recovered. And on Saturday afternoon (the 7th) she yielded up her spirit to her God, trusting in him, as we believe, for salvation. She was dear to us all, and the whole community seemed to sympathize with our dear brother, in his loss. Poor Hous found it hard, very hard to give her up. I hope this affliction may be sanctified to him, and that it may be the means of drawing us all nearer to our God.

We feel much for the poor aged father, he seems now to have buried the last tie that bound him to this earth, — I know not, but I fear that he has not the comforts of religion, to assist him in this sore trial. Richard appeared almost to idolize his sister, and was completely overwhelmed by her loss. He says he is now alone in the world with no one to love him, — no mother, no sister.

Dear dear brother, does not yet know what will be his future arrangements for the care of his motherless child, we have offered to take care of him as one of our own children, but he does not feel willing at present to let him go out of his house. — He is a fine healthy child, and Mrs. of course, must think more of him, than of all the world beside. We would gladly take care of him, and he should be to us as one of our own children. I think it probable that he would let us take him were it not that he knows that Charlotte must soon need the care of others, and would not be able for a time to devote that attention to the child that she would wish.

We expect he will write to Eliza, and invite her to make his house her home, and take charge of his family. We all think it would be a good arrangement for both.

Write to Houston soon, he stands in need of consolation. I believe that he often thinks, and thinks deeply of his future prospects, but I fear he is at heart, but almost a Christian. Pray for him, my dear sister, pray for us all. I speak for myself, I know that I fall far short of fulfilling my duties towards my God and towards my fellow men. Oh that I felt sure that my heart was right in the sight of God; That I could trust in him at all

times for salvation, and that by my life I might honor him and promote his glory.

I hope you & your husband and family will be able to pay us a visit next summer. It would gladden our hearts to see you all here. Remember us to Mr Johnson & kiss the baby. Anna sends a kiss { } — Malcolm is at school Charlotte is at Houston.

Yours devoted brother
Horatio.

Antoinette says she has been looking for a letter from you for the last six months.

I do not know that I ever told you that we were glad to hear that you attended Dr Potts' Church. I have never seen him, nor heard him preach, but know him from reputation. May God bless you in your attendance on his ministry.

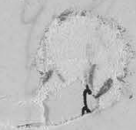
We attend Mr Weeds' Church here, but have always maintained our connection with the Old School Church. — The connection of the Episcopal Church at this place, with Mr Powers, has been dissolved for some time. They have no pastor now. At Houston's request he preached Elizabeth's funeral sermon. His discourse was from the text, — "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I," and was very good.

Recd Jan 16th
1915



Prof. E. A. Johnson
for Mrs. M. F. Johnson

University
New York City



Ypsilanti Feb. 22. 1847.

My dear sister

It is not exactly right, that we should have a charming little girl, nearly three months old, and that you should be ignorant of the fact. But so it is, and often since her birth, Charlotte has reminded me that I should write to you, but I have put it off for a convenient season, and when very thing is put off for a convenient season, it stands a poor chance of being attended to. When I write, therefore, it must be done at an inconvenient season or not at all, for with me every day has its duties, and all must be attended to. — Our little one was born on the 25th of November, a fine, healthy looking child of about ten pounds weight, and looked very much like other children of her size and complexion, with an apple-dumpling head, covered with black hair, now she begins to look like herself. She has a pair of dark blue eyes, of course, very bright & pretty, — a very good nose — (for to smell the better with, my dear), a lovely mouth — (to eat the better with, my dear) & a chin, very like my own. Altogether we think her a remarkable child. Of course, she cannot be compared with some of her cousins that are not far distant, but still we think she is

a lovely child. Malcolm & Anna have grown very much since you saw them. Anna frequently reminds me of you, for I think she looks very much as you did when you were of her age. She is said to resemble me very much; and when a child, you were said to resemble me. You used to think she was quite a pretty child, but some of her connections here, never could see any beauty in her. Our children enjoy good health, and are a great comfort to us. For which we should never cease to be thankful.

Sonier has put off coming here, till spring. She will make her home with Houston & take care of his family. We are all anxious to see her. Houston's little boy is doing very well. He has beautiful black eyes, and a very fine complexion. We have always taken a deep interest in the motherless boy, and we hope he may never suffer for the want of a mother. Houston is very much wrapped up in him.

I had a letter from Sonia a short time since in which she says that some one had set her house on fire and burnt it to the ground. It was a fiendish act. The loss to Sonia must be considerable. She will now find difficulty in renting her farm. We all sympathize with her, in her trials; She has been sorely afflicted. We cannot heal her wounds, but we should pray that her afflictions may be blotted to her.

Charlotte had a letter from her sister Belle some time since in which she spoke of her visit to the East. She was much gratified with her visit to New York, and said that we must not fail when we wrote to you to send a kiss to this very chunky Fanny. She said that she was very beautiful & a well behaved child. (This she said for us, not for you). I sincerely wish it were so that you could pay us a visit. We wish to see you all, much, very much. When Sonia comes, there will be another cord to draw you here, I hope. We will then surely see you. True brother has a warm heart for you, if he does not write you.

I know too that Charlotte loves you dearly. She always speaks of you, as her own dear sister. If you wait for a convenient season you will never come. Remember that. Bear in mind that we wish to see you all; you, your husband & your little one. The children too, wish to see their very chunky Cousin Fanny.

There is much sympathy manifested throughout the country for the suffering Irish. A great deal of it however is superficial. "A steamer has just arrived bringing accounts of the rise of provisions in Europe on account of the great scarcity, there". I am rejoiced to hear it, we will now have a market for our surplus." "It is said too, that there is great deal of suffering in Ireland, many are dying

from starvation." "That is indeed dreadful, I am
very sorry to hear it. Something should be done
for them. We must raise a subscription for their
relief. England should now open her ports. - But
how much did you say flour had risen?" "One dol-
lar." "Good. I am delighted to hear it."

With mankind in general, it is a matter of dollars
and cents. We care not for wars, pestilences or fa-
mines if they are the means of adding to our coffers.

Recd. Dec. 8-1857

Prof. E. A. Johnson
For Mrs M. W. Johnson

University

New York City



In speaking of our little one, I forgot to tell you
that her hair curled. We call her "Elizabeth Archer"
after Houston's wife.

Yours brother
Houston.

Oay to May 22. 1847

Dear Sir

I have just received from the Mexican
Agent. I have been to pay the Taxes, and have included
yours. your Tax this year what I have paid
was \$14.74 Cents. but for the Taxes, have not been
a day. The prospects of the Country are not
as promising as we hoped. I am trying to sell
my lands and have succeeded in selling but One
Section in the neighborhood of yours for \$500
Dols. 75 in hand because in 3 equal annual payments
I shall be compelled to sell to enable me to
pay my Taxes. what they pay on the Mexican
amount to near \$1300 Dols. has your not
better sell yours. The Taxes are soon cash
up. I don't know that it can be saved
but if you wish with the assistance of my
agent. I will do the best. I can do for you. In
which case I shall need your authority
I believe that I have your Certificate from
the Land office agent. and think that your
deed is at the Land office in Lima. he will not
be far off, except a year or more and the
return of the Certificate. Let me hear from
you or answer. and if not disposed to
do I shall expect you to depend on the
Taxes what I have paid

Louisa is still with us but is
declined to go on to the point. and will
come in a few days. I don't think she can
make herself very comfortably there
I also hope and believe that the Cherry
plantation would have been mutually
pleasant and profitable to her and her son
what is the matter

Remember me to your wife & children
and believe me as ever yours

Affectionately

H. G. Phillips

Mr Hazle Strong or Napoleon
my agent and will give you any
information as to the value and property
of your land. In return it is understood
and all about it.

H. G. Phillips



Mr H. G. Phillips

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replied to

the agent

Detroit May 5th 1847

Dear Sir

I called at the registers office for your deed and we can not find it. The now present register thought that the last incumbent might have it in his possession who is Silas Bagg & he has gone in the country so I could find nothing of it. But the deed is on record & below I give all the description there is of the lot as it is now on record in this office - which will enable you to make a deed. I also enclose the one dollar bill. So if you never obtain your deed it will not make much difference because I know that it is on record for I have seen it.

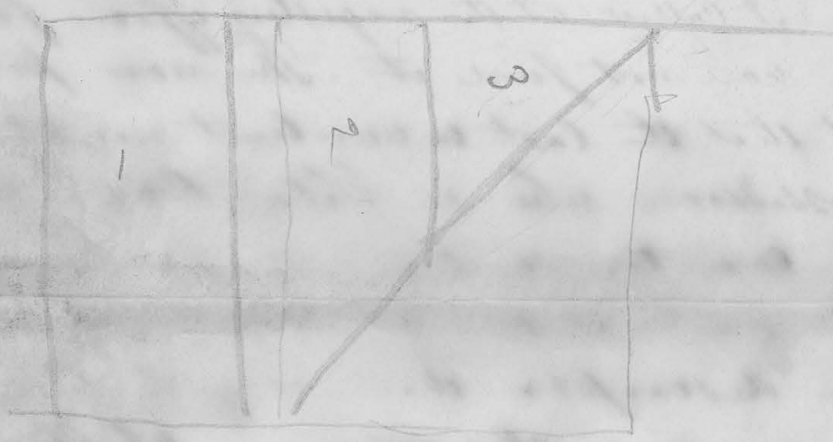
Very respectfully yours

H. F. Van Cleve

John L. Sears

Described as being Lot number Two (2) in Section Number Eight (8) in the village of Flat Rock according to the Recorded plat of said village. &c &c -

Huron Street



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H. J. Van Cleave

Ypsilanti

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Ypsilanti July 16th 1847

My dear Sister

You may think, and very justly, that I have been extremely negligent about writing to you. Try to forgive me, I will not attempt to make an apology. Let it suffice that I have not forgotten you and that you are very dear to me.

We have great cause for thankfulness. We all enjoy good health at present. Our little Anna has had a slight attack of fever this summer, but she is now well. The baby improves daily. A remarkably smart child, - as every body says I think, not of this one, but of them own. She has four teeth. begins to creep and tries to talk. Some monosyllables, such as 'Pa-ma' she can sound very distinctly. She is now a little more than seven months & a half old and is a darling child. - Anna is so delicate that we have been unwilling to urge her to study, for fear of injuring her head. She is consequently backward in her studies. When we permit her to apply herself she learns very readily. Malcolm is a handy little fellow, goes to school, and learns in proportion as he applies himself. I think he has a good mind, but not at all disposed to injure his

brain by intense application. Charlotte and I
enjoy excellent health. She has been very much
confined at home this summer and has had but
little leisure, on account of being much of the
time without a girl. We have found it very dif-
ficult to get good girls here. Several times after
keeping them a few days, have had to discharge
them. Can you not send us a first rate good girl
that will enlist for five years?

Song does not appear to like Ipsilanti as well
as I should wish to have her. I sometimes fear from
her conversation that she has a leaning towards
Missouri. I cannot bear the idea of her going back
there, but wish much that she could be conten-
ted and happy with us. I was in hopes that
she would spend a year with us, then visit you
& her friends in the East, and afterwards return
and make her home here. She may do so
but I sometimes fear not.

By the time this reaches you, I suppose you
will see Uncle Phillips, as I understood he
is about visiting New York. He has been to
the Harbor Convention at Chicago and I hope
that he would pay us a visit, but he did
not do so. I understood that the Company he
was with chartered a boat to take them
from Chicago to Buffalo, and I suppose it
was consequently not convenient for him to
visit us. I would have been very glad

to have seen him. — When do you calculate
to come and see us? I hope you and your good
husband have not set it down as one of the impossi-
bilities. Charlotte and I would give you a hearty wel-
come. Come and spend some months with us. If
you cannot come this year come next. We desire
you all come.

I have one hundred dollars that I have
been waiting for some time past to send to
you by Mr Hunter. He was to have gone to New
York in June, and now expects to go soon.
I send you ^(\$7) ~~seven~~ dollars for one year's interest
and would have no objection to have it
another year at the same rate, if it would
be perfectly convenient for you. If it
will not be perfectly convenient for you
to spare it another year, please
like you to write to me immediately.
I borrowed the money to go after Song and had
spent considerable portion of it in making pre-
parations to go, when she changed her mind
about coming directly here. I could not then
return the whole of it and kept it till this sum-
mer. I hope you will be able to write to me im-
mediately on the receipt of this, and let me know
your wishes on the subject.

Remember us affectionately to Mr Johnson

Yours sincerely attached Brother

Horatio

Charlotte sends much love



Prof. E. Alfred Johnson
For Mrs. M. Johnson

University
New York City.

Cambridge Oct. 17th 1847

Dear Mr. May

If you would please tell that I have been doing since the receipt of your letter of the 14th of the month, I am so glad that it is so soon answered.

We were very happy to learn that you have purchased the house you want, and hope that you will be able to make it a pleasant home, at least any improvement you make will be worth a view to permanency, being for your own and children's benefit, and in breaking up home ties, we would like that you were near, as I like to have things kept with transportation, but which would be very useful to you. I have seen some and have not parted with any of my best things, because I intend to divide them among you, that you may all have something that is valuable.

My children as they are fitted to the floor remain down, as Mr. Miller will keep the house until my time is out of years from now, when he will either purchase another, or build - however if Mr. Miller could have most business, as it is about certain he will not have intention to go to the house with him, take Ellen and take up all time and make your visit it would be a great inconvenience and will be so pleasant for her, I have not told her my plan only that I should come with her here, so that even I shall be able to bring you something that is useful included, which you will remember you have seen one when I took Mr. May's house - would it be right to send any thing

by her own mother that her friends would not have should
a package be directed to reach you? I should have had
a set of letters from you by John Dullens but thought it
had better wait until we came to Cincinnati, and I under you
a visit - I am glad to hear such good accounts of the
children and wish very much that it could be little Lizzie
they will go to town keeping about the first of Nov -
could not get to her house sooner, she has been quite sick
for a few days, I was quite alarmed about her, but is
now getting better, some down to table to day. Belle
will make a first rate house keeper, is very anxious
to excel and go to work in all business way, as she does
with every thing which was considered to do at all, the children
are all well. Willie who is all the way from
finely, talks about and talks quite plainly all the
words which she says, and little baby Ellen is a darling,
Belle cannot decide upon a name for him, and I fear
that he will be baby Ellen all his days - he is very dark
with large black eyes and hair, tells his little cousin
that he is very sweet - you would be surprised to see
what an excellent old grandmother I have got to be,
I no longer take baby, then Belle was holding out her
hands and saying "take me" and then Willie jumps her
arms round my neck saying, "Grandmother don't you
love your little Willie?" - I wish much to see and
talk with you about all that has happened for the past
six years - and that if my life is spared to make you
a visit with my mind ~~for~~ ^{free} as was there when I last
saw you, and better fitted to enjoy my visit -

My dear Ellen is improving, I have been often from her,
and am in correspondence with both Ellen and Mrs. Tye
who are very much interested in ~~to~~ ^{to} and speak very
warmly of her. I fear that she will not
be better situated, in every respect, the Ellen has many
friends there who make her feel at home, and who I
trust that she is overcoming her deep sense of temper, and that
the truth she is beginning to act for her mother, there
was which has been so influential in her conduct - I pray
God, and you my dear Charlotte, will join in my
petition that she may be so guided and guided by his
Holy spirit, that at the last she may be meet
partaker of the Holy Kingdom - I did not tell the
girls that I was writing this afternoon, but know that they
would ^{have} ~~be~~ much love had they known they were such
kind correspondents - that I was quite affected with them
always leaving it to me, to tell you that we are still
alive, and remember you with affection -
tells me what you most need besides a carpet, I
have a set of chairs, cherry bureau, parlor tables,
cherry with mahogany fronts, and some other things,
if you think that they would help transportation -
well, well, well, this for and we will ~~off~~ ^{off} this is the
21st we are all well this morning, but very busy still
still sitting up the house, all kinds, much love
give my love to Mrs. Tye, and her
dear children for Grandmother

With much affect. your Mother
C. St. Clarke.

I have a son a third son his age I cannot tell
For they were not by days and years when he had gone
to us for protection in four months his infant smiles were given
And then he had farewell to earth and went to his home
I cannot tell what form is his, what looks he wears now
Nor guess how bright a glory crowns his shining scalp
The thoughts that tell his infant's breast how full he is
Are ever fresh and new as when he first was born

But I know for what had told me that he is not at rest
These ten years of separation on that distant lonely shore
What 'e'er befalls him there from his life's journey end
Thine old man's heart in grief and fear for him is perfect

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[June 2, 1848]

Tuesday June 2^d 1848

Dear Horatio

I have done two weeks ago
intending to take all the time necessary to
hunt up my journals & property on
the manner and get plates of it all, so
that if I ever visited the country again
that my successors might be able to find
them; I am rather surprised by him feeling
that I should be detained in Henry County
a few days until the Commissioners of the County
would be in Session (on Monday next) I
~~decided~~ that I would spend the time
more pleasantly here than I could there
I am a year or more ago, regarding
your Quarterly Lecture of Land. It may
beay down I saw a Quarter Nation address
given purchased by Saml. L. Phillips for \$4000
per annum. I am told that this Sum is better
than any, until lately there has been no

engaging after an improved Sunday School time
whether you can be sold as high as I have told
Phillips. but if you are disposed to sell it
I will get the best price I can: or offer it at
such price as you may think proper to put
on it. you perhaps have forgotten that
your certificates for the purchase are in my
possession, and the patents which are in
the names of you and Linda. won't be delivered except
to yourself. & I suppose you wish to receive it in
giving up the certificates would, I suggest. If you
give the order under the name Clark. & I may
go to the office (70 or 80 miles off) myself. and if
disposed to take the land, I will require a formal
power of attorney, & also an acknowledgment with
a certificate for the County Clerk. I would
enable me to act for you legally.

I left home some 2 weeks ago. all well
except myself. I have not been well for the
last weeks. and feel as if it would be much
more proper that I should now be at home

but my Troublesome Cough here, seem to require that I should
be at home. I am sure over there, and feel as if
no one was so well qualified as myself. and I must
expect to resign it soon. I feel a desire to have it so
expressed that they who follow me may know & think
look upon it. I don't expect to leave the manure
the the least of the many acres. If you think you
will have time for you better to reach me before I leave
and to me at Orpington (Orpington County). I shall
spend 2 or 3 days in Norfolk on my way up. and
shall be able to know whether there is any disposition
to purchase your land, by looking in at the bank & so
long you & I shall be well.

Remember me affectionately to
your wife and the children and
believe me ever yours very truly
Alfred Phillips
A. Phillips

I shall be glad to hear from you when
you are returned home employed and all that
regards your health and prospects

of Mr. J. Dec. 29 1846 No. 8 & 9 in Reg. 1000 of 1846
Ohio.

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Mr. J. W. A. P. Kanelum
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Ypsilanti

Michigan

from Phelps

from Phelps

Ann Arbor June 1st / 1852
Prof: A. A. Johnson
Dear Sir

My Brother John has just returned from New York where he had gone on some business of his own. He expected also to go to Philadelphia where I hoped he would be able to obtain some money for Horatio which is very important to him about this time, but he informs as that he learned from your old friend Mr. Gibbs that he could not accomplish any thing if he went there. Consequently nothing for the present at least can be expected from that quarter.

I was very happy to learn from John that you were very desirous to assist Horatio if you could do so with safety - And in accordance with John's request I write to let you know ^{how} Horatio's matter is situated.

I enclose you herewith a copy of the Bond which H. gave Brown, he also gave him a mortgage on the property purchased to secure the payment. He also gave him a note & a mortgage on five lots of Government land to wit: four hundred acres as ~~before~~ with see from a memorandum at the foot of the bond.

The first ^{instalment} ~~payment~~ on the bond viz: six hundred & sixty one $\frac{87}{100}$ dollars together with the interest on the whole mortgage for one year has been paid. Since then nothing has been paid excepting some interest on the Champion Mortgage.

The Mortgage has been foreclosed and a decree taken about the first of April last for the second, third & fourth instalments - the fifth or last instalment not being due until November 1843. The amount ~~now~~ due for

which the decree was taken 1st April 1852 is two thousand & seventy one dollars & seventy eight cents (which includes the payment going to Champion) and it must be paid by the fifth of July next or the property will be lost.

My brother purchased the property for three thousand ^{dollars} - the ~~bonding~~ was given for some thing less, some thirty odd dollars which Brown owed him having been deducted.

Nothing was paid down & Florentio gave his mortgage on the five lots as collateral security for the first payment & that mortgage should have been released when the first payment was made. But by some oversight it was not stated in the minute made that it was to secure the first payment and the Attornies of Nixon refused to give it up until another payment was made. However if the other payments are made it will make no difference.

About \$2100 as I have stated must be received by my brother by the fifth of July, but \$650. of that goes to Champion leaving 1450. Mr. Champion lives in Philadelphia and told me last week that he would be perfectly willing that should stand five years longer provided the interest is paid, but this incumbrance to Champion was a bond & mort. executed by Brown, and as it seems to me Brown's disposition is to trouble my brother as much as possible he might insist on having his mortgage ^{to Champion} taken up & his name released. If however you could advance the 1450. & not 2100, I think we can get along with it tho' as it is situated I would prefer settling the Champion claim.

And now with regard to your security.

My brother gave or agreed to give three thousand dollars for the farm. ~~And~~ If I had owned it at the

time I should have expected to get three thousand dollars for it - tho' if like my brother I had been going to purchase I should not have been willing to have given quite so much for it, and so told him when he purchased it. But since he has purchased he has expended some six or seven hundred dollars on the buildings (which it is unfortunate he did not apply on the mortgage) and I really think now the farm is worth three thousand dollars. It is certainly a very handsome place - farms are worth as much in this County as in any County in the State - and this farm is in the best part of this County, and at three thousand dollars is no higher than the neighbouring farms are held.

The last payment is five hundred & two dollars which added to the 2100 makes 2600 dollars the incumbrance now on the farm. And it certainly is good for that. But in addition if the money now due on the mortgage is paid his land in Wayne Co. will be free from all incumbrance, and my brother will expect his mortgage to go to embrace that property.

This property in Wayne Co. consists of four hundred acres of unimproved land which my brother gave a thousand dollars in cash for twelve or fifteen years ago. It is in the same County with Detroit & only about twenty miles from there and if not very valuable now it seems to me it must become so.

Many tell me if they owned it they could get rid of it

at five dollars per acre which would make two thousand dollars. Now that might be I don't know but if I owned it I certainly would dislike to let it go for a thousand. I forgot to say that Mr. Champion who is certainly as good a judge of property as we have told me if he owned my brother's farm he would get three thousand dollars for it. And if he had known how my brother was situated the first of April he would have advanced all the money & taken a mortgage on the farm & the land in Wayne County.

All I can say more, is if you can relieve my brother we will be very grateful and we have thought if you could not spare all the money that Mr. Gibbs would perhaps assist. I know Sister Maryanna would urge him to do so.

The mortgage is foreclosed in the name of John M. Nixon & of course he can control it, if you choose to speak to Mr. Nixon on the subject you can do so. Brown you perhaps know was the brother of my first wife & Nixon is his cousin.

I have no other feeling than those of contempt for Brown & have my reasons for it. Mr. Nixon ~~knows~~ I never saw & he knows nothing of me lately excepting what he may have heard through him. Consequently I should ask no favor of him. His brother Moses Nixon I have had the pleasure of seeing & if he had been

Please present my best regards to your wife & family the little children for me. I think on this subject. Yours truly C. H. Tucker

1848

Know all men by these presents, that I
 Floratio P. Vanclève of Washitman County Michigan
 am held & firmly bound unto Richard D. Brower
 Jr of the same place in the penat sum of five
 thousand six hundred dollars lawful money
 of the United States to be paid to the said Brower
 his Executors, Administrators or assigns to which
 payment well & truly to be made I bind myself
 & my heirs Executors & Administrators firmly by
 these presents, Sealed with my seal & dated this 18th
 day of November A.D. 1848

The conditions of this obligation is such
 that whereas the said Floratio P. Vanclève is indebted
 to the said Brower in the sum of two thousand ~~dollars~~
 nine hundred & sixty five dollars & eighty seven
 cents, which is to be paid in manner following
 viz: Six hundred & sixty one dollars & eighty seven
 cents in one year from the date hereof. Five
 hundred & seventy six dollars in two years
 from the date hereof. Five hundred & seventy six
 dollars in three years from the date hereof. Six hundred
 & fifty dollars on the 1st day of April A.D. 1852 & five
 hundred & two dollars in five years from the
 date hereof, with interest on the whole payable
 quarterly the first year & annually after the first
 year. And that the said Floratio P. Vanclève
 shall pay to Theodore Champions out of the interest
 which shall accrue hereon a sum sufficient
 to pay the semi annual interest at ten per cent
 on the sum of six hundred & fifty dollars which
 is an incumbrance by bond & Mortgage Executed
 by the said Brower to said Champion upon
 certain land this day conveyed by said Brower to said
 Vanclève, and that the said sum of six hundred
 & fifty dollars which is herein mentioned as becoming
 due on the first day of April 1852 shall be paid

Copy of original Bond

to the said Champion by the said Vanclove
upon said bond & Mortgage.

Now therefore if the said Horatio P. Vanclove
shall pay the said sums of money as they shall
become due according to the tenor hereof then this
obligation to be void & otherwise in case of a
default in the payment of the interest quarterly
the first year as herein specified as the same shall
become due & for the space of thirty days after the time
above specified for the payment thereof it is ex-
pressly provided & covenanted by the said Vanclove
the payment which by the terms hereof is to become
due in one year from the date hereof at the happen-
ing of such default to be deemed & taken to be
due & payable & it shall be lawful for the said
Browne his executors, Administrators or assigns
forthwith to prosecute for, recover & collect
the whole amount of the said instalment & the
interest at such time unpaid either by a
suit on this obligation or by a foreclosure of the
Mortgage bearing even date herewith and
executed by the said Horatio P. Vanclove as a
collateral security for the payment of this
bond - And in case of the non payment
of the said sums of money or interest as the same
shall become due then this obligation is to
remain in full force & virtue

Sealed & delivered
in presence of

H. P. V.

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The above named Horatio P.
Vanclove has made & delivered
to me a note bearing even date herewith for \$250. payable
on the 18th Nov^r 1851 with annual interest which is
secured by Mortgage executed by said Vanclove & wife
to me on five lots of land in Huron Wayne County Michigan
which note when paid or transferred by me is to be applied
on any instalment of the above bond which may at the
time of such payment or transfer be due or if none be due
then on the instalment which is next to become due
Nov^r 18- 1848 R. D. Browne Jr

New Haven December 15th, 1848.

My dear brother,

I received a few days since your letter stating your circumstances & your plans.

As there is no direct communication between this place and Michigan, Mr. Gibbs has sent \$100 dollars to Prof. Johnson to forward to you from New York, which we wish you to accept as entirely your own. This will be as good perhaps as the plan you proposed.

Even your prospects of a school are encouraging. It is an honorable and respectable employment & I do not see why you may not succeed in it - especially as good instructors are so much needed. Every year seems to raise the standard of education, and consequently to increase the call for good teachers. Your children too can be educated in a good manner without much additional expense.

My love to Charlotte and the children and believe me ever your affectionate sister

M. A. Gibbs.

P.S. Please write as soon as convenient merely to let us know whether the money has reached you safely - M. A. G.



Ch. W. H. T. T. T. T.

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Michigan

Rosedale Dec 28th 1848,

My dear brother

Your kind letter was entitled to an immediate answer, but I have deferred it till now in consequence of having my time constantly occupied. I find no spare moments through the day, and at night am so worn out that I can scarcely muster resolution to sit down and write. I trust it will ~~always~~ be so, but it will require sometime to get my school in a proper train. I feel so anxious to see my pupils improve that, much more of my time is devoted to them than is absolutely necessary. It is my present calculation to teach until my children are educated, if Providence permit. My prospects are fair and I have every reason ~~to~~ hope that I will do well. There is a vast difference in youth. Some you have only to guide and direct, and they march steadily up the Hill of Science, but others must be urged, and hauled, and driven; - then they make but slow progress. To attempt to instruct these is indeed trying to the flesh, but to teach the former is a pleasure. It is probable that Charlotte will join me in teaching next summer and take a class of girls. She is fond of the occupation.

The check for \$100. that you sent me arrived safely, and I wrote to Sister Mary Anna informing

her of it. You think it possible that you may be able to send me the same amount in February.

I am sincerely indebted to you for your kind offer and should it be in your power to do so without inconvenience to yourself, it would help me much, I do not think it will be in my power to return in less than two years.

I regret to learn that there is some fear that the University of the Empire City may not be sustained. It would be a lasting disgrace to New York. I hope for better things.

Do you ever think of visiting Michigan? It is now but a short trip, and it would be a pleasant recreation after the confinement of the session. Such a jaunt would be beneficial to you all, and we would be sincerely happy to see you.

Charlotte joins me in love to all.

Ever your friend & brother

A. A. Van Cleave

We would be glad to hear from you frequently. I hope soon to have some lecture that I may write more & more frequently than I have heretofore.

Margaret must not forget us.

Direct as before to Galien Michigan"

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Recd Jan 7. 11. 1849
Ans. Feb. 6. 1849
Prof. E. A. Johnson
University
New York City

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My dear Sir,

Dated July 16th 1849

I am happy to say that Anna[?] is well and apparently very happy. She has a little nice piece of work on hand which she desires to be kept a secret as she wishes to surprise her mother with it. She has also desired me to say that she would be pleased to go out home on Tuesday next, we should be pleased to have her stay longer, but she wishes to go then, and we don't urge her for fear she will not make us another visit. I will find some friend to take charge of her ^{as far} as possible when some of you will meet her or where I will request your brother John to meet her.

I am induced by hearing thro' Miss Foynt that the boys having been going to singing school, and thence riding and frolicking about, to repeat our request that this thing should ~~be~~ immediately discontinued, it is worse than useless for me to be at the expense of sending ^{William} away from home to study if he is allowed to be running about the neighborhood at night. do exert your authority and break it up at once. all yours in love to Mrs V. & children -

Ever yours

P. B. Church

H. P. Partridge

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A. P. Vancline Esq

*Saline
Washtenaw County*

[Mar. 5, 1849]

New York. Mich 5th 849

My dear Mother,

Your letter should have reached
an earlier answer but for the sad season of
winter you have doubtless heard through Mrs Gibbs.

She has I believe written to you or to some
of the Brothers in Michigan of Margaret's severe and
protracted sickness. You will be able to appreciate our
anxiety and will feel with us deep solicitude for Marga-
ret's future health, if she is permitted to regain in some
degree her former strength. I suppose I have given you a
clear account of Margaret's attack, its severity and long con-
tinuance, and you have also probably heard from her of her
improvement, which we hope is real though very slow.

If I knew on what point you would like
to make inquiries, I would give you all the information
in my power. As it is I will give you my impression
of her case. Last Spring she had a very severe cold which
was neglected until it became serious and gave us some
anxiety. Since that time she has been much more
sensitive to the cold than before. In the summer when
she spent some weeks at Rensselaer, New York a few miles
from New York she was comparatively well and enjoyed
the country life very much. I was there very often
till about the 1st of September when the weather started again to

come same. My sister Charlotte has been very delicate for two or three years, and she, to avoid our winter, was going to visit my brother in St. Orleans. I wished to have Margaret also go as her company to the South I felt was there, that she was not sufficiently fortified, since her visit in the Spring, against a northern winter. She however was unwilling to think of it, nor did I apprehend that it was important to urge it. Our winter did not commence early and until the day or two before her attack she had been in usual health. For a few days however she had been getting some cold and on Monday the 15th of Jan^y, not before returning I was called for my things and found her raising blood. The bleeding continued at intervals for twelve days. Since then she has not returned. And now for a few weeks she has been going. She is very much emaciated and reduced in strength. Her appetite however has improved and she now sits up two or three times in the day. She is also learning to walk again which she finds quite a great undertaking. If she goes on through this month, which is always a trying one, continuing to improve so as to be able to sit out, when the weather becomes fair, I shall hope for more rapid and more marked improvement. As regards however to the future I cannot but feel great anxiety.

Margaret has been during all her illness submissive, trustful and cheerful. She is desirous, moreover, though unwilling to have all to her own direction of her brother's health with entire resignation to his will. My own feelings joined with

ours that it may please Him to spare her long to us and to her little children.

Of my sister Charlotte (who is now Mrs. Morris) as I have before told you she was here when she was in Baltimore, I will add that she left New York the 18th of Dec^r and quite unexpectedly, though providentially, she was kept with my brother who had come on for her, in one or another of the West India islands and did not reach New Orleans till the 28th of Jan^y. After the cholera had had its course there. Her health is improving.

I had intended to write you in Feb^y and to send you the hundred dollars of which you wrote. But before putting my purpose in execution I had from Mr. Brown that the case of your uncle Houston's will had been argued before the Supreme Court on the 19th of Feb^y and that a written decision would be given on the 1st of March. This would need to delay ^{writing} until I could inform you of the decision in this long delayed case. I thought too it might be unnecessary to risk my money, if the decision was in favor of the will. I have therefore prepared this letter to have it ready to send so soon as I shall hear from Philadelphia. I have besides doubted whether I could spare the money till after the 1st of April on which day I have to pay considerable sums on my own and on the University account. Of this I will speak more when I get the news from Phil^a.

Feb 24th My letter from Phil^a has just been rec^d. It brings the gratifying intelligence that on the 5th the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court was announced in a lengthy opinion by Justice Bouvier establishing the will of C. Houston.

Am Brown who writes adds that "he will write again in four or five days concerning the intentions and operations of ex^{rs} appertaining to settlement. They need a little time to arrange."

In my view they should pay the arrears of interest to the different legacies and I suppose they will do so. In this case I suppose you will not see money from any other source. Should you however desire any let me hear.

The University affairs have been at a yet lower ebb if possible since my last. I trust however they are beginning to brighten. Besides its pecuniary embarrassments, it has malicious assailants from time to time in the press, especially when an effort is making to secure for it the relief which it needs. I hope and trust however that it will outlive all these foes.

I should be glad to hear from you again soon, and if you have any suggestions to make with regard to Phil^a matters that I can be of any use in I shall be happy to render any service.

With much love to your whole family

Yours sincerely

Edw. Johnson

Rosedale April 9th 1849

Dear Brother

Your letter that I rec^d about two weeks since should have been answered immediately, but I have been waiting for letters from others before I could answer it.

I am indeed thankful to learn that Margaret is considered convalescent. While she was ill Sister Mary Anna wrote several times to inform of her state of health, but I never understood well, her situation, until you wrote. However Margaret may have been affected, by an accidental cold, I can hardly believe that her lungs can be affected. The disease has certainly had a good sound pain to work upon, for although we cannot say much for our lungs, I believe we inherit good sound lungs. With the return of warm weather, I trust her health will be perfectly restored.

My own little family enjoy good health. We have a little boy about four weeks old, a fine hearty fellow, that is of course, the perfect image of his father. We have now four children two boys and two girls, all enjoying good health, and the use of all their faculties, for which we cannot be sufficiently thankful.

My School numbers about the same as when I last wrote. Five or six more are waiting

for us to give notice that we are ready to take them. I have workmen engaged to alter my house so as to enable me to take twelve or 14 more scholars, but they are waiting for materials and I am waiting for funds. If the Exec^s do not intend to pay over immediately, I would be glad if you could let me have \$100. until such time as they are ready for a settlement.

I regret to learn that the University is still struggling against opposition from those who should sustain it; and sincerely hope that it will triumph over all calumny and slander that has been raised against it.

Give much love to my dear sister Margaret. We often talk of her and daily think of her. Would it not benefit her health to visit us this summer? We would be very happy to see you all, and I think a journey would be good for her. You must think about this journey, and let us know when to expect you.

Sincerely yours
H. P. Van Cleave

E. A. Johnston.



Recd. Apr. 19/1879

Prof. E. A. Johnson
University
New York City
N. Y.

Cincinnati Augth 2 1849

Dear Charlotte,

I have been with Mary two weeks, as soon as we heard of her affliction - I came direct - by down; found her more resigned than I expected, her little son is recovering slowly, and Mr Lincoln (who you know had the Cholera) is almost well, attends to business as usual - this dreadful scourge is now passing from us, only 5 deaths reported yesterday, funeral have been its ravages, our dear little John died of croup -

I left dear Belle in health and quite resigned to under her affliction - Ellen is still with her, but will come down in a few weeks - I fear dear Charlotte that we must defer our visit to Michigan until next summer, it is getting so late and as the Cholera has broken out at Sandusky, also I see at Detroit, is so bad in New York, (where Mary intended to go first,) and indeed almost all over the country, that if we should reach you in safety, our visit would be a sad one, Belle had concluded that she should be happier to come next season, should our lives be spared, and besides we have had a letter from Malcolm saying that he should not come down until next summer, a gentleman who spent the last winter with him, will be in Cincinnati this month, and from him I shall be able to learn all that I wish she wrote with much affection Mary

tells me, mentioning you particularly, if you wish to write enclose a letter to me and I will forward it safely - his letter to me was forwarded to Prestonburgh after I left, and of course I have not yet read it, also your last to me - I fear that I shall have no opportunity to send the articles for which you wrote in season, and think you had better purchase them in Detroit; instead of a shawl, a mantle made of the same material as the dress, and trimmed with folds of the same is worn here in mourning - the mantle is cut ^{a little} circular behind, with broad ends in front coming about to the knee, sloped on the shoulder allowing room to raise the arm without disarranging, should I hear of any person going to Detroit I will send the things, but thinking it so doubtful you had better not depend upon it - I was very sorry to hear of Mrs Johnson's death, she was an excellent woman, and is we doubt not enjoying much happiness as we cannot know in this vale of tears, such bright examples are given us for imitation, let us endeavor to profit by them.

I was glad to learn that yourself and dear children were well, (prayer God that you may continue so) also that your worldly prospects are improving - there is a prospect that I shall get a pension; both Mr Lincoln and Mellen think that I shall, Mr Lincoln is writing Mr Sumner to get his affidavit - Judge Hall is going to Washington in a few days, and will call himself at the pension office, and state my claims - Finding that this is you know a great fast day all business is suspended

and our churches are open for prayer - the sickness has almost entirely disappeared from among us, St. Louis has ceased to report any deaths from Cholera, and the general health of the city is good - at St. Louis as soon as the disease made its appearance there, all the physicians fled; six of our ~~Doctors~~ have gone there to the aid of the inhabitants, and I pray that we may soon hear better accounts from that place - I must close my letter as it is almost time for church, good bye my dear child, my love to Mr Vanclene, do not feel too much disappointed at our not coming, meet you if our lives are spared we shall meet - and I trust under more happy auspices - write as soon as you receive this, give love and kisses to the children -

Yours mother
with affection
E. A. Black

remember me to Mrs Hunter
and all Johns family



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Wednesday morning

Dear Charlotte

Mary rec'd your letter yesterday and would have answered immediately but was not well enough this morning at five O'clock she became more unwell, and I trust before evening to be able to say she is better, shall keep my letter open for that purpose & shall also a letter from Ellen dated Cambridge; I fear that she is carrying out her friends, she appears very happy speaks in the highest terms of Mrs. Ship, and Professor Agnew, the St. Clairs, and many others who have been polite to her but is not as particular as I wish, if you learn any thing I hope that you will write immediately should she form an attachment to a protestant, if a worthy person, it might be a great blessing, I feel quite anxious and hope that she will soon write freely to me on the subject - I wrote her some four weeks since perhaps longer enclosing \$2 that she might get herself warm drawers, she has not told me if she rec'd the money - Mary sends another Household words also a ~~Catholic~~ ^{and, Ellen} paper that you may send her poetry, she wishes after you have read it, that you would cut it out, with the notes above it, and send it back, as she had but one copy, and wishes Belle to see it - I shall be very anxious to hear if the operation you were about to have performed on your throat has benefited you, should like very much to be with you this winter, hope that Ellen when she has made her visit, will come home, and nurse you like a good kind sister, and an affectionate child, who knows what I expect, and how much I trust her - shall write Ellen by this mail if possible, my love to her was directed to Susan as I expected she would have returned home before my letter arrived - am very glad that the children get on so kindly together, and that the little strangers have not forgotten grandmamma - My love to them all - don't let Ellen know what I have written about

her secret

Thursday morning born last evening Miss Mary
Lincoln at eleven o'clock — Mary is as well as one could expect
after giving birth to a child weighing 13 lbs the Dr.
says, when it is weighed I will let you know if he is right —
you will unite with us in thanks for her safety —
let us hear from you as soon as possible —

Your Mother with affection

C. A. Clarke

Mrs C. C. Wanchew