



Two Letters to William Johnson of Milan, Ohio, Huron
County from Orange Johnson, His Father, and Achsa
Johnson, His Mother, of Worthington, Ohio, 3-17-1839

Subject: Advice from both parents to William about trouble at school

[Handwritten note, script]

Worthington March 17, 1839

My Son,

I received your letter of the 6th of this month and have notised [sic] the contents, you wish for my advice on the subject of troubles in your school, From what I learnt when was with you and also from your letter I should think that the trustees were friendly to you and for that reson [sic] if there was no other I should like to have you stay until the close of the turm [sic], also I should dislike to have it said that you and the Teacher could not agree for the short time of one turm [sic], If some things are not quit [sic] so pleasant I think you had better put up with them and make the best of it and stay the turm [sic] out, and attend strictly to your study [sic] and say very little about the difficultys [sic] and mind what company you speak of it to, treat all with the upmost respect and politeness avoid speaking of the troubles that exist in the school as much as possible, try to get the good will of the trustees cultivate their friendship in a gentlemanly manner, treat your teachers with the utmost politeness also all the students soft words turneth away rath [sic], be very cautious over all your words ways and actions, But if you cannot get along with out [sic] to [sic] much trouble as to feelings and having to be constantly on your gard [sic] and in a grate [sic] measure loosing [sic] your time and money and no prospect of it being any better then and in that case I think you had be better quit where you are I think you had better go to som [sic] other place than Norwalk as your troubles will all the known and perhaps made agrate [sic] deal wors [sic] than theigh [sic] were in fact, But if you leav [sic] the school you must let the trustees know that you are agoing [sic] to leav [sic] and make the subject known to them that you think that you are in grate [sic] measure loosing [sic] your time on the account of the dissatisfaction that exists.

I have to inform you that your friends are all in good health, I shal [sic] be out to Sandusky sumtime [sic] the fore part of April and if you are at Miland [sic] or Norwalk I will calculate so as to come and see you I am with much respect your



O. Johnson

Dear Son,

I am very sorry to hear that there is any difficulty between you and the teachers but so it appears to be and now you must use some judgement about the affair do not let your temper get above your reason, treat the matter calm and judiciously. But I think you had better stay until the close of the term if you can without sacrificing to [*sic*] much of your feelings. I think it will be an injury to the institute for scholars to leave and that is not all I should want to keep in favour with the trustees and cittzens [*sic*]. No more but remain

Your affectionate mother,

A. Johnson

[Evelope] Wm Johnson, Milan, Huron County Ohio