

Woolthorpe March 17th 1859

My Son

I received your letter of the 6th of this month and have looked the contents, you wish for my advice on the subject of troubles in your school, I know what I have seen it, was with you and also from your letter, I should think that the trustees were friendly to you and for that reason if there was no other should like to have you stay until the close of this term, also I should like to have it said that you and the Teachers could not agree for the worst kind of one term, If some things are not quite so pleasant I think you had better put up with them and make the best of it and stay the term out, and attend strictly to your studies and say very little about the difficulties and mind what company you speak of it to, treat all with the utmost respect and politeness avoid speaking of the troubles that exist in the school so much as possible, try to get the good will of the trustees cultivate those friendships in a gentlemanly manner, treat your teachers with the utmost politeness also all the students with needs turn out every path, be very cautious over all of your words ways and actions, but if you cannot get along with out too much trouble as to feelings and having to be constantly on your guard and in equal measure losing your time and money and no prospect of it being any better then and in that case I think you had better quit and go to some other school, but if you will when you see I think you had better go to some other place than I do not wish as your troubles will all be known and perhaps made quite a deal worse than they were in fact, but if you leave the school you must let the trustees know that you are going to leave and make the subject known to them that you think that you are in equal measure losing your time on the account of the dissatisfaction that exist, &c

I have to inform you that your friends are
all in good health & what is out to Sandusky
contains the fine part of it & if you are at
Beland or else walk I will calculate so as to come
and see you if I am with much respect your etc

Wm Johnson

C. Johnson

Dear Sir

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 your 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 much of
your own feelings. I think it will be an
injury to the institute for scholars to be
and that is not all I should want to keep
in favour with the trustees and citizens.
I must be so remain

your affectionate mother
A. Johnson.

Wm Johnson