

February 4<sup>th</sup> 1839

My Father

As I have been waiting  
sometimes in expectation of an answer  
to a letter written about the first of January  
and directed to Mary—and seeing no  
prospect of receiving <sup>any thing</sup> from her—I now  
direct a second time a few lines home  
ward hoping that they will meet with  
better success— My health generally  
since I left home has been very good—  
But for the last two or three weeks  
I have been <sup>quite</sup> <sup>unwell</sup> so much so as to render me incapable  
of pursuing my studies—but I am  
now getting better and expect to take  
up my studies again in a day or  
two— But as my money begins to  
run low it will be necessary to have  
some assistance in order that I may  
remain here much longer—  
And under the present circumstances  
it would be a great disadvantage  
for me to leave my studies—

as I am about half way through each  
of my present Studies which are Algebra  
Astronomy and Boat Building - all of which  
require much study and Algebra in  
particular requires much explanation in  
order to fully understand its various parts -  
And as the present teacher is considerably  
skilled in the mathematics - I should  
like to remain long enough to complete  
that and also Surveying -

If it should please you to give me a support  
long enough for me to acquire a knowledge  
of the present with some few other  
branches - I will improve the time in  
the <sup>best</sup> possible manner

Wm Johnson

P.S. If you will let me know when you will  
be at the Lake I will call and <sup>see</sup> you at Lynne  
or Sandusky as may be most convenient  
for you -

An immediate answer is much desired

My respects to all

Wm Johnson