



Letter to Mary Johnson of Worthington, Ohio
from Charles B. Stickney of Republic, Seneca County, Ohio,
10/20/1841

Subject: Mr Stickney is writing to Mary wanting their acquaintance to develop into more than just that. They apparently met on a trip by stage. Mr Stickney refers to Mary being quite ill when he came to visit her.

[Handwritten note, script]

Republic Seneca Co Ohio

My Friend Mary

Oct 21, 1841

Yours of the 8th Inst. Written at Worthington and mailed on the 13th at Columbus has been duly received. And it afforded me unfained [*sic*] pleasure that I have the happiness to acknowledge you in terms of reciprocated friendship.

The coolness & apparent neglect of which you speak in relation to myself and for which I am desired to excuse & accept as a friend your apology—is most cheerfully perceived to be inevitable on your part & is acceptable

I should be doing great injustice to not readily perceive the utter inability on your part to reply to either of my Epistles much sooner from the probable [*sic*] debilitated state of your person after such lamentable protraction of disease—and consequent frame of mind for that is no less effected which is an ultimate sequence from the affinity the mind bears to the physical system.

And again I was not altogether ignorant that doubt might ride with you as to the propriety of noticing my communications from apparent discrepancy in the model of my introduction which will seem greatly to contrast with etiquettical [*sic*] parlance in thus preceding without a formal introduction But having found my earliest recollection been governed by lofty and honorable motives of intention, purpose, and design in whatever a virtuous and laudable ambition might seem to invite I can assure you in sentiments or profound regard the confidence you trust yourself with in supporting from the tense of my epistles and in regarding them you are dealing with a gentleman shall never be impaired—But we have alike the pleasure of each others acquaintance incidentally brought about the common occurences



[sic] without the means of further introduction than the narrow confines of a stage coach and the prompting of common civilities when all are strangers Though between us apparently nothing did pass but a word or so, and nothing would be likely to call to your recollection my person or that I regared you with more than ordinary interest after the passing moment—Yet my pen is circumscribed from feelings of delicacy from the present—but hope to merit your continued confidence as a favored friend

Let me ask, if in your late trip to the Lake you passed in your outward or homeward tour throught [sic] this Town? I am of the opinion you did as the Rail Road connects so favorably the Columbus line of stages through Tiffin with the Lake at Sandusky City.

I close for the present in asking a continuation of your kind and acceptable favor—adding a reward of my estimation and regard for yourself and unabated sentiment or honest friendship—Please let me hear from you soon

Your true friend

Charles B. Stickney

Miss Mary Johnson

[Envelope] Miss Mary Johnson Worthington Ohio

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