



Letter to Mary Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from
Jeannette Ridgway of Columbus, Ohio, 12/19/1845

Subject - Postponing Mary's visit to Columbus until after New Years

[Handwritten, script]

Columbus, Oh. December 19th, 1845

Dear Mary,

Your Father informed me last evening that you intended coming down next week to stay some time with me, and I am very sorry to inform you that owing to some circumstances it will not be convenient for me to have you come until after New Years. I have a young woman here helping me sew and I am trying to help her all I can so that she may be able to get through in 2 or 3 weeks so that with doing this and being obliged to attend in the kitchen so much (for I have a miserable poor girl) it would be impossible for me to pay you even attention enough to make you feel happy. I am very differently situated this winter from which I was last. Will you my dear Mary excuse me for being so formal with you. I certainly would not have sent you this note if I could have made it at all convenient for me but I think when I see you I can explain matters to you so that you will very readily excuse me for doing as I have done. You must be sure and come the week after New Years

my love to your Mother

Your affectionate friend

Jeannette L. Ridgway