

apart. last evening. A number of our neighbours have shined their
shops, some are not washed as yet, and the weather is not cold and change-
able. I presume they will not be for a week or two. Mr. Madden has
been here to work (did not come until last Saturday) and was very insis-
-ive to get his note, you held against him. He said you told him
you would leave it with William. I told him I knew nothing
about it, that he must let it rest till you came home.

The Watchman has been after his sides, he only took 4 barrels of
and the molasses, for ^{he should have} 10th a quart. he was very kind in saying that
your Brother said I should have it for three dollars, being in a
hurry I told him to take it at that. he is coming this week.

William requested me to mention to ^{you} ^{to get a lock of hair from} ^{some of your hair} ^{say clean, and a delightful ambient air, which is much}
more acceptable to farmers than yesterday's noon and night.

I rose this morning before 5 o'clock, and seated myself at writing without
attending at all to the household, having given my directions for breakfast
last evening, and further orders will be attended to after that
hour. Julia is one of the very best of girls; rises early & breakfasts at
7 o'clock. she has two faults, rather slow, and sometimes wasteful; the only
time that I have known her out of humor, arose from my talking to
her about that fault. But I followed your directions, said what I had
to say, and not seem to notice her displeasure. She was rather sullen
during the afternoon & evening, but did not refuse to do what I requested.
In the morning next, was kind & pleasant as usual. I have not received
anything of the kind since. I have been thinking it might be a good plan for
you to purchase some little articles for her; it would please & tend to ease
her to well doing, also be a gratification to her friends. I have endeavored to
inspire ^{into} feelings of respect, & think thus far have been very successful.

Lavinia is with me, she came on the 1st May, would have come sooner
but Cousin Mary & Penia were visiting here that week, which made
our family six in number, & I thought it would be pleasant for all
for her not to come until the family was smaller. On Friday the week
before I visited several of the girls in the ^{city}. I was a little fearful
how I should manage, but they all gave me great praise, & it was remark-
ed that they did not see any difference when she was at home.

As yet I have had very little company, several called on Sunday
but have seen only two of them, Rowatt and Call, who was here on
Sunday last. She gave me ~~for me~~ a short sketch of the circumstances
connected with your ^{or Miss Smith's} stay in Columbus. I can imagine she did not
regret her leaving you & placing herself under another's care.

The Wetmors were here on Saturday evening the 4th. We were not
had put out the light, when they knocked. Miss Griffith has not
shown the light of her countenance, nor a display of her wisdom,
School has commenced under so favorable circumstances as nearly
attends the summer term. Mr. Armstrong is at work here today.

We are going to have for dinner, boiled hen & cabbage, and a bread & butter.
I can't relate a little circumstance about William. The week we expect-
ed Mr. Madden, we cleared out his room to have it in readiness.

Consequently he slept in my chamber. Being out of his room & not be-
ing sound sleep he cast forsook his pillow, & several objects floated
before him, which filled him with fear. The next night when he retir-
ed he fastened the door, but the key was gone to the other, no other
way but to set a chair against it, the next day I discovered it thus to men-
tioned it at table, when he solved the mystery, which was followed by a
 hearty laugh. We occasionally give him a hint ^{not entered} of the fearful character
we have for our protector. We have the least from fear, since the first night, when
he could not sleep until he came home from the pudding. I did not attend
your affectionate daughter, Eliza Johnson