



Letter to Mary Johnson of Worthington, Oh  
from John R. Worman of Zanesville, Oh 5/7/1841

Subject: Met on stage when Orange and Mary were going to Washington,  
sorry he didn't see them on return trip, hopes to call on his way to  
Delaware

[Handwritten note, script]

Zanesville, May 7th 1841

Miss Mary Johnson

I hope you will pardon me for the liberty I assume in writing you upon our short, yet to me agreeable acquaintance - I am perfectly aware that in so doing I may merit your disapprobation. But I hope when I assure you that no other impulse than that of esteem has governed me in the matter that you will not regard me as deserving your contempt. If I have Erred, forget and forgive.

I had anticipated that I should have the pleasure of seeing you as you returned, presuming you would pass through Zanesville. But in this to my regret I have been disappointed, as I perceive by a letter I received from my friend Mr. Trescott of Columbus that you returned some days since. Mr. T informs me that your Father called on him a few days since, But being absent he did not get to see him. I regret that he did not get to see Mr. Johnson as he would no doubt have learned some particulars of your journey and in all probability would have communicated the same to me, which to have learned would to me have been a great pleasure indeed.

It is for the purpose of learning how you Enjoyed the journey that I now write and I hope I may be honored by you with a sketch on the subject which favour to me would be highly gratifying indeed.

Since having commenced this letter it has ocured [*sic*] to me that when I last had the pleasure of conversing with you - you talked of returning by way of Portsmouth, which (in consequence of your not passing through this place). I presume to be the case and hope you Enjoyed the trip very much. It is undoubtedly a very pleasant route. But I have no doubt you would have enjoyed the northern route much more there being a much greater variety of scenery, upon reflection however I imagine the northern route via Buffalo at the time you returned was impracticable owing to the canal and Lakes being closed with ice.



I enjoyed much less pleasure on my return than when on my way East not having the good fortune to meet with as desirable company. I purpose sharing the summer season visiting Delaware and I shall give myself the pleasure of calling on you as I pass, hoping to extend my acquaintance with you. You will please present my best respects to Your Father and say to him that I regret he did not pass through this place as I should have been pleased to have seen him. Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you by return mail and ere long to have the pleasure of seeing you, I close with my best wishes.

Very Respectfully

John R. Worman

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Miss Mary Johnson

Care of Mr. O. Johnson

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