



Letter to Mary Johnson of Worthington, Oh from Damaris Solomon of Columbus, Oh, 12/23/1841

Subject: Friend from Worthington Female Seminary would like to visit,
sounds melancholy for antagonizing Worthington friends

[Handwritten note, script]

Dec. 23, 1841

Ever Dear Mary,

I once would have thought that friendship as strong as ours, would not have permitted so long a silence as has existed between you and I but experience has proved otherwise, yet my tender feelings towards you are as strong as ever, and I earnestly hope that they will find a return in your heart. I presume you have heard many complaints against me since I left Worthington. Space will not permit me to relate the particulars, but to be hasty I would just say that by my great anxiety to please all, I displeased all. This proves a remark of the celebrated Dr. Watt. "In our great anxiety to please we displease." But enough on this melancholy strain let us turn to something that suits the fancy.

I am very anxious to see you. I expected to see before I left Worthington but you were not at home when I called. I think some of visiting your city this winter, but I was thinking the other day where should I stop if I did visit the place. I have not the friends I once had, to welcome me, and I do not wish to go to the boarding house; as they are now nearly all strangers to me. You remember my cousin Cynthia Rarey, her name is now Cynthia Limpert, she was married the 2nd of this month. Perhaps there will be a chance for old maids when all the goslings are out of the way. She is seventeen, and her husband thirty-five.

Give my love to Caroline Griswold; tell her I beg pardon for violating my promise in not writing to her. I wrote one for her, read it over and burnt it. Since that I have neglected to write.

Please answer this immediately and direct your letter to Columbus in so doing you will oblige your sincere friend

D.M. Soloman



Barbary Highlands

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P.S. My compliments to your Father and Mother

[address]

Miss Mary Johnson
Worthington
Ohio