



Letter to Mary Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from John
Christian of Columbus, Ohio, 5/15/1845

Subject -- Love letter, Mary visiting in Delaware, chides her for not
writing, anxious to hear her father's decision

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Columbus, Ohio

May 15th 1845

My Dear Mary

As I came home from the office tonight my thoughts wandered towards that point on which they love to dwell that is they turned to thee and I wished that you could be with me and we might with one thought gaze on the beauty of the night and talk of all we hold dear. I counted the days that have passed by since we parted and was surprised to find that it had not yet been two weeks. How long those days have been to me - not having it in my power to visit you and you not caring enough for me and my happiness to let me hear from you. All this and much more I thought of and then asked myself two questions if I should write to you again tonight, how I decided you will see by the reception of this and if it gives you one minute of pleasure I shall be doubly repaid for the writing of it. And do my letters give you pleasure or had you rather I not write? If so you should not fear to tell me so.

I have often asked myself this week how I should ascertain [*sic*] when you had returned from Delaware in order that I might go and see you as soon as you come home. I do love so much to be with you my dearest Mary that I fear I trouble you too much with my visits but while I am with you all things seem to be right and I am happy and when I am away from you I am always imagining that something is the matter with you or that you are not happy and many other things to make me feel sad, but then when I think of your love to me -- that you have confided that you did and would love me, I feel that all is not yet dark and sorrowful and that I might still Hope on for brighter days to come.

You, my dear girl, have been this week with the gay -- the happy -- the young and tho friends of long standing and I hope you have much pleasure and injoyment [*sic*] while with your friends and seeing them made happy, I will not ask if you did not sometimes think of one who was not with you around the festive scene but who was thinking of you perhaps more than we ought will you be home by Saturday. if I can hear of it by any way I will try to get yet to see you and if not on that day that you have returned



from Delaware? Will you return to D on the next week. I believe I so understood you to say when you were here?

I have much that I want to say to you but do not know how to arrange it on paper so as to make it read right it must be reserved untill I see you. You remember that I am still in suspence [sic] as to the final decision of your father - you promised to tell me when I would come up to your house.

I can not write any more tonight as it is too cold to set longer without a fire and after midnight too. I hope you will forgive so foolish a letter. Is it worthwhile for me to ask you again to write to me!!
Farewell my dear Mary and believe me to be ever your affectionate

John

[address]

Miss Mary Johnson

Worthington

Ohio