



Unfinished and Unsigned Draft Letter to Martha [no last  
name or address, friend from Worthington Female  
Seminary?] from Mary Johnson of Worthington, Ohio,  
3/13/1843

Subject: Girlish local news

[Handwritten note, script]

Worthington March 13th 1843

Dear Martha:

I wood [*sic*] not tell you that your letter was received and perused with much pleasure, for as "Brother Morrow" said last Sunday, "every cause must have its corresponding effect," this of course will not be an exception of the general rule, the letter being the cause and the pleasure ensuing therefrom [*sic*] the effect. I had by your protracted silence nearly come to the conclusion that you had forgotten that there was in existence such a person as the supescription [*sic*] of your letter would indicate. to be sure I had your love through Phebes epistle, but still I was in hopes of hearing from you more directly wishing that our intimacy might be continued and a correspondence be kept up. but alas! I was doomed to disapointment, [*sic*] thus it is ever. I never knew a bright particular star and learned to love it, but it was the first to fade, or a favorite flower but it was sure to droop & die. But hope! thou fair enchantress of human ship! whose bright pinions are ever ready to bare the ideal from far beyond these scenes of blighted faith and disappointed hopes! to thee I dedicate myself and most willingly do I supplicate at thy throne

You wished me to write you all the news. But in fact I do not know of anything that would interest you, we have almost a dead calm here now, although it has been uncommonly lively for the last two or three months especially for three of four weeks back "that is" while the snow lasted and sleighing was good.

I was continually on the go night and day almost and then we have had more beaus here than common.

Mr. Heron from Ill a brother of Eliza Heron has spent the last two months at W. & Columbus but mostly at W. & a good reason for it tho. He was mightily taken with Miss E. Wetmore on his first exite [sic] and sche [sic] flattere "of course" matters went on, how far best known to themselves. Besides we have had Mr. Weaver an uncle of Pa, a nice old bachalor [sic] or young & I should say his is only bald a little but that is on the crown he is a rite [sic] nice fellow a good dancer excellent singer pretty form & last though not least a good gallant I expect although I never had an opportunity to judge as correctly as some others he [is] now in Columbus & leaves soon for the east. Dr. Waters has again shown the hight [sic] of his countenance & a flaming one it is to, [sic] he has had the small pox. Mrs. Gossip informs me that he has come on peculiar business I am half inclined to credit it as he is now at Mt. Vernon & taken Mr. Elder [minister] with him.