



Ohio

Unfinished Draft of Letter to Martha [no last name but
apparently a seminary classmate] of Newark, Ohio

from Mary Johnson of Worthington, Ohio, 8/15/1842

Subject: Accepts invitation to visit during Whig convention and speech by
Governor

[Handwritten note, script]

Worthington August 15th 1842

Dear Martha

Could I be transported to your sitting room I think I could talk for half an hour very briskly, but as that privilege cannot be granted me just now, I must be content with committing [*sic*] a few thoughts & expectations to paper.

We return many thanks for your invitation to visit you on the 24: which I readily accept. Phoebe & myself had been talking about our promised visit to N. only a few days before I received your letter & had partly fixed upon that time to fulfill our engagement.

When Mr. Sherwood was here he was saying that it was expected that the principal of the state would be present which made us still more desirous of being there at that time. I never have seen our Governor & should be highly pleased to see his excellency [*sic*] & much more to hear him address an assembly that to of young Whigs

I expect Pa will accompany us as he had been calculating to attend the convention at Newark before I received your epistle (rather an elderly beau but all the better for that). Your request was that Jonathan take us over but I suppose it will [not] make any particular difference if he only attends the convention & as Pa has deprived him of displaying his gallantry I should think he would wish to display his Whigery patriotism by joining the delegation of Columbus & procede [*sic*] with them. We shall expect Mrs. Nash to return home with us on Saturday our visit is necessarily short as Pa business at the north requires his attention as soon as it will be possible for him to do so.



From Mrs. Tullers account of your calculations I fear you will be disappeared after all (though perhaps happily so)

Your invitation was extended to Antoinette & Hector & I performed my duty of informing them of your wish. she could not give me definite answer then, but would send me word on Saturday but she went to Columbus & neglected in sending me word & I do not know what their interests are.

You told me to tell Phebe and Anna that you [have] a beau in keeping for them if that would [be] any inducement. I suppose you think I can come without any inducement; yes & so I can, but I do think you are very pertit [?] & I am half a mind to get spunky. I do think you are very thoughtful as to their welfare