



Letter to Mary Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from Orange Johnson in Washington D.C., 4/28/1844

Subject: Orange is relating his journey from Pittsburgh to Washington DC. He attended a Whig meeting in Pittsburgh and may have been meeting with Whigs in Washington.

[Handwritten note, script]

Dear Daughter

Commensing [sic] when I left off in my last at Pittsburgh, we went to church in the afternoon, the next day Monday we spent in viewing the works and among the things a union steam ship or boat and water works which closed the day, at nine oclock[sic] we started on the boat for the north with about 60 persons on board about a dozen of them were Methodist preachers going to New York, we arrived at Johnstown Wednesday morning and took the cars, passed over the mountains vary[sic] pleasant when we arived[sic] at the top of the last incline plain[sic] we found that three lumber cars had jest[sic] broak[sic] loos[sic] from thare[sic] fastenings and gon[sic] down with grate[sic] force aganst[sic] other cars that was on the tract[sic] braking[sic] into splinters and scattering thare[sic] loading along the road for half a mile whare[sic] they was thrown off the tract[sic] which hindered us two hours befour[sic] we did get along, we arrived at Holladyasburgh[sic] at twelve oclock whare[sic] we took the boat and sum[sic] more pasengers[sic] in all about seventy, we arrived at Harrisburgh[sic] on Friday morning, then we took the cars came almost to Lankaster[sic] then took the cars for Baltimore whare[sic] we arrived at six oclock, and satterday[sic] at nine we took the cars for the pace and arrived at eleven in good health, we are boarding at Mrs. Holmeads General Hinton & Mr. Patterson are boarding here, Mr. & Mrs. Ridgway are at Gadsbys, it rained all day yesterday but has cleared [off] finely[sic] today we have bin[sic] to meeting this morning, we are about take to the Capital we expect to leave here on tusday[sic] next for Baltimore we have had avary[sic] worm[sic] time until yesterday since the rain it is cooler we have five in the parler[sic] today, Miss Smith parted with us at the forks of the road near Lankaster[sic] and she went on to Pheledelphia[sic] in company and charge of Mr. Eliot of Cincinatti[sic]

Yours with Respect

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