



Letter to Mary Johnson of Worthington, Ohio from John R.
Worman of Zanesville, Ohio, 1/17/1842

Subject: Potential suitor, wanting to correspond and visit her

[Handwritten note, script]

Zanesville, Jany 17th 1842

Miss Mary Johnson

I have the pleasure this morning to acknowledge the reception of the second thought endorsed by your signature on the 9th inst. This a pleasure that I didn't expect soon to Enjoy, as I had supposed from your silence on the subject of my letter last summer that it didn't meet your approbation, and that I should not very soon be favored by your notice in my way. When I wrote you I flattered myself that I should be favored with a sketch of your journey, which, as I then assumed you would have been highly interesting to me, but alas I was doomed to disappointment. The presumption with me was that I had assumed greater liberties than you thought due me and that my letter had received your contempt. I however indulge a hope that my conclusions were wrong, and that I yet may be honored by a correspondence with you.

at the time of writing before I anticipated soon thereafter the pleasure of seeing you as I proposed paying a visit to my friends in Delaware, but being called East very Early in the season did not Enjoy that pleasure, after my return from the East I went to Columbus and while there thought I should give myself the pleasure of visiting Worthington and calling on you, but on second thought was induced to decline. The cause of my deciding this was that I feared I might receive a similar reception to that -- that I supposed my letter had received, but in this instance I have to regret my second thought. You will discover before this that I take for granted that my conclusions respecting your silence on the subject of my letter were wrong. I flatter myself that I have this assurance from the arrival of the second thought.

I expect on or before the 22nd of Feby next to visit Columbus again, and If agreeable should be very happy to visit Miss Mary Johnson of Worthington. I may however be disappointed as regards the time of this visit as I shall to go East soon and may possibly defer it untill my return. By the by speaking of going East reminds me of the very pleasant time I had crossing the mountains last Feby. I should be highly delighted could I have in part the same company that I had then.



I hope what I have taken for granted in this letter may be true and that it now may be congenial to your feelings to favour me with your reply. Hoping very soon to have the pleasure of hearing from you and that time is not far distant when I shall have the greater pleasure of seeing you

I am very Respectfully

your friend

John R. Worman

PS. My best regards to your Father