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Eleanor Richardson to her daughter

Letter addressed to Miss Eleanor Richardson in Michigan from her mother, Eleanor, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The younger Eleanor married Jotham Meeker in 1830.

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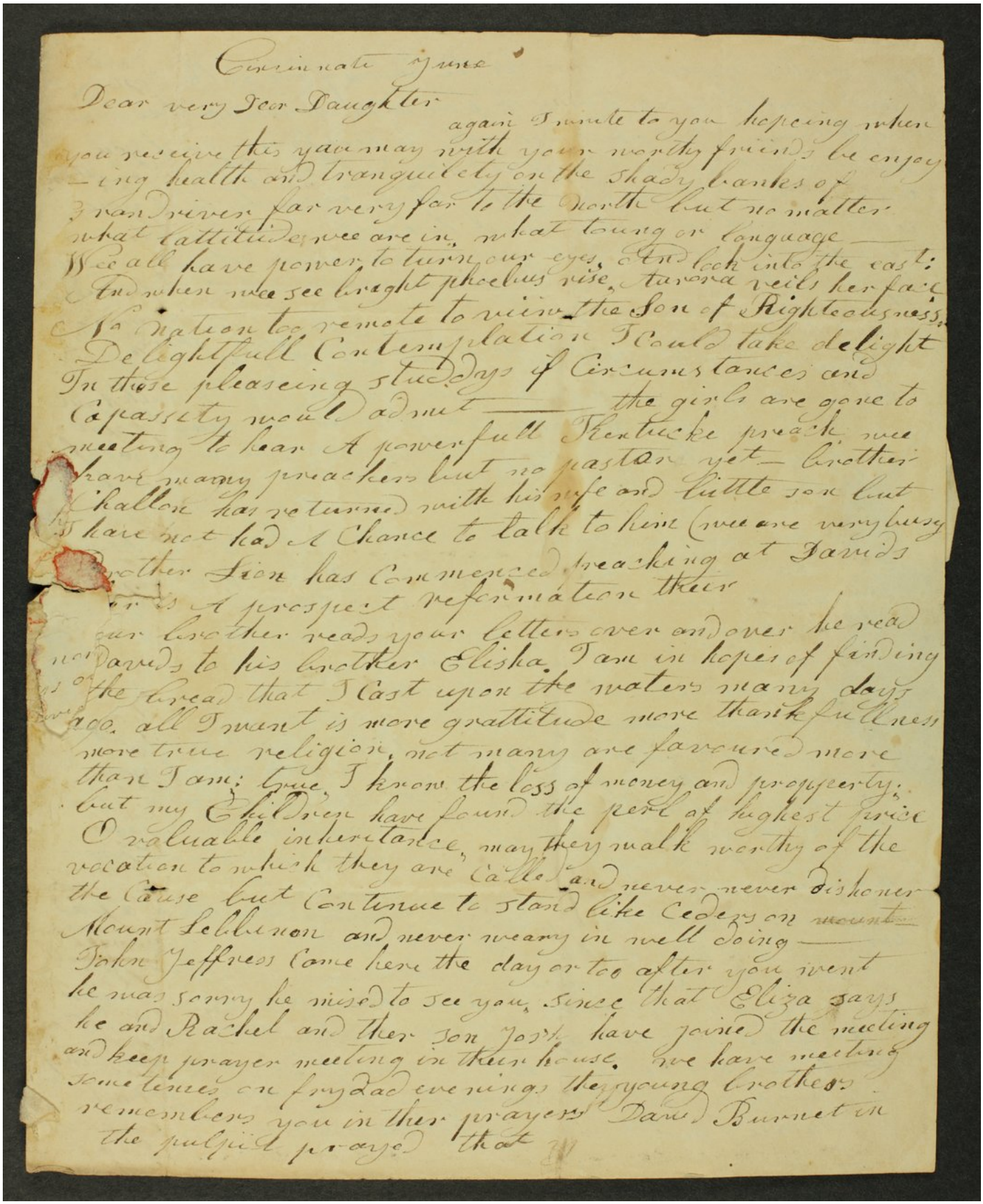
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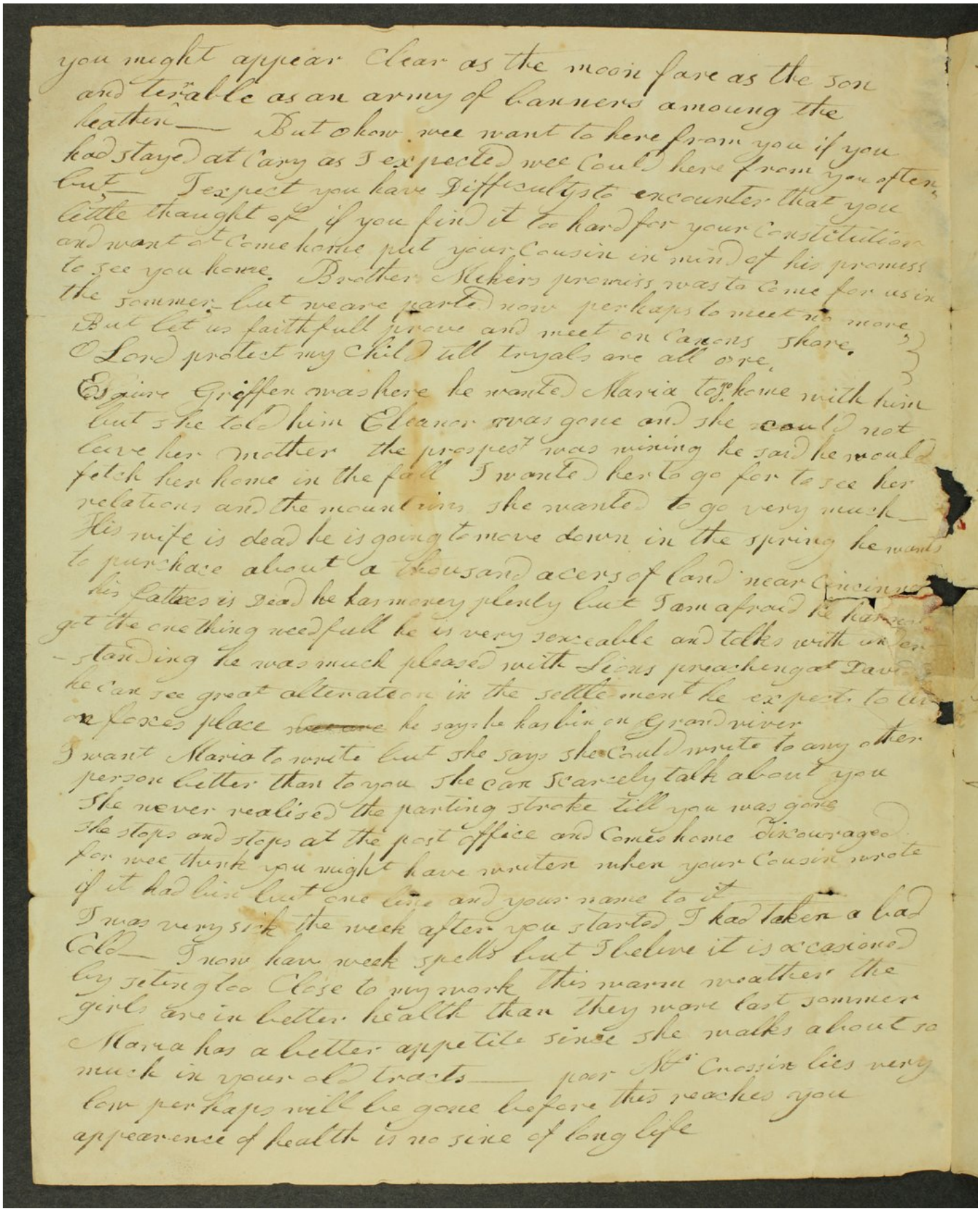
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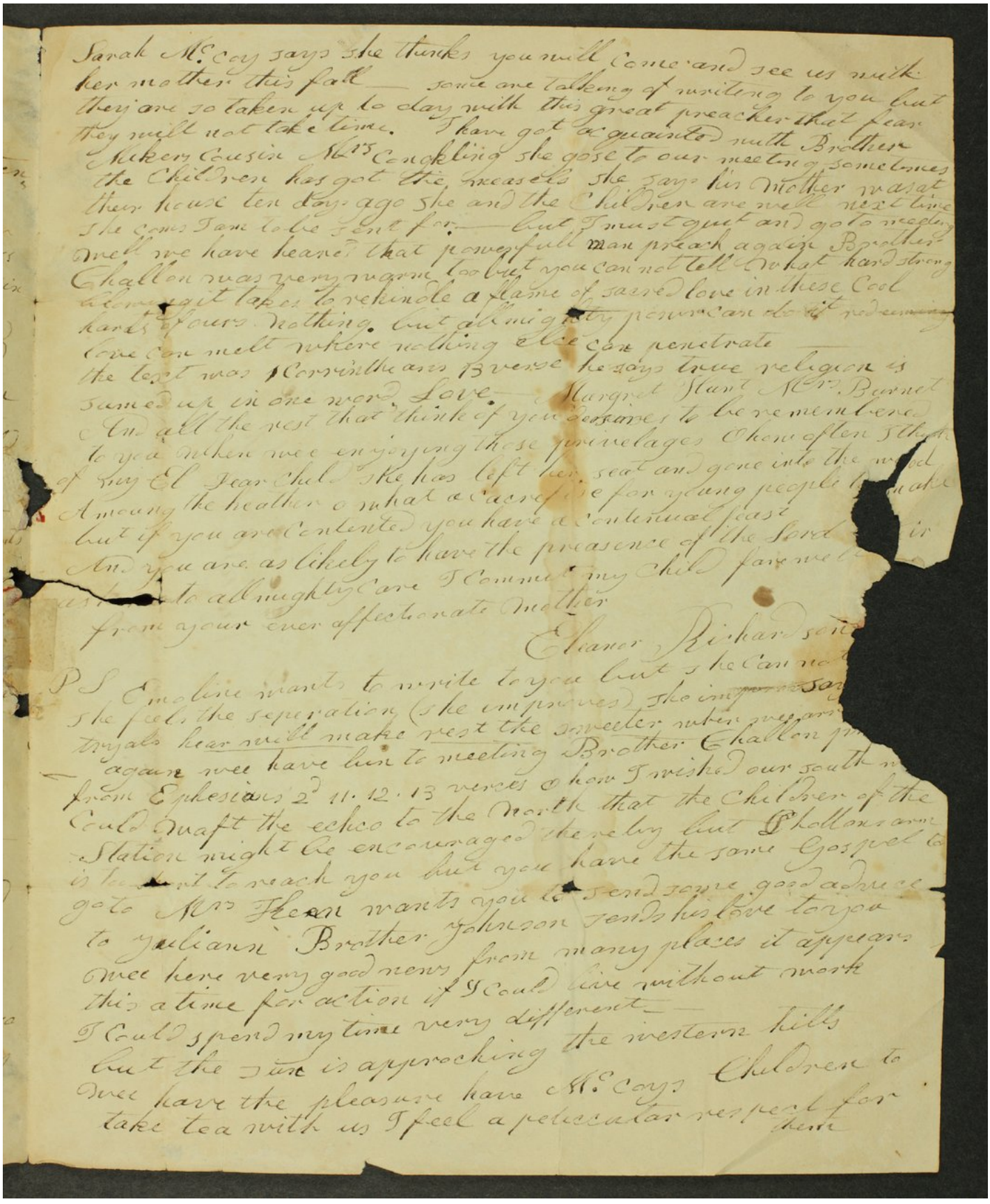
Dear very Dear Daughter again I write to you hopeing when you receive this you are may with your worthy friends be enjoy-ing health and tranquility on the shady banks of Grand river far very far to the north but no matter what lattitude we are in, what tounq or language — We all have power to turn our eyes, And look into the east: And when we see bright phoebus rise, Aurora veils her face No nation be remote to view the Son of Righteousness. Delightfull Contemplation I Could take delight In those pleaseing studdys of Circumstances and Capassety would admit — the girls are gone to meeting to hear A powerfull Kentucke preach we have many preachers but no pastor yet — brother Challon has returned with his wife and little son but I have not had A Chance to talk to him (we are very busy Brother Sion has Commenced preaching at Davids Creek A prospect reformation their our brother reads your letters over and over he read Mr Davids to his brother Elisha. I am in hopes of finding of the bread that I Cast upon the waters many days ago. all I want is more gratitude more thankfullness more true religion, not many are favoured more than I am; true I know the loss of money and progperty: but my Children have found the pearl of highest price O valuable inheritance, may they walk worthy of the vocation to which they are Calle and never never dishoner the Cause but Continue to stand like Cedars on mount Mount Lebanon and never weary in well doing — John Jeffress Came here the day or too after you went he was sorry he mised to see you, since that Eliza says he and Rachel and ther son Josh have joined the meeting and keep prayer meeting in their house. we have meeting some times on fry Dad evenings the young brothers remember you in ther prayers David Burnet in the pulpit prays that

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you might appear Clear as the moon fare as the son
and terable as an army of banners amoung the
heathen—— But o how wee want to here from you if you
had staye'd at Cary as I expected wee Could here from you often
but—— I expect you have Difficultys to encounter that you
little thaught of if you find it too hard for your Constitution
and want a Come home put your Cousin in mind of his promiss
to see you home. Brother Nekers promiss was to Come for us in
the Sommer but weare parted now perhaps to meet no more
But let us faithfull prove and meet on Canans shore.
O Lord protect my Child till tryals are all ore.
Esqire Griffen was here he wanted Maria to go home with him
but she told him Eleanor was gone and she could not
leave her mother the prospect was mising he said he would
fetch her home in the fall I wanted her to go for to see her
relations and the mountains she wanted to go very much—
His wife is dead he is going to move down in the spring he wants
to purchase about a thousand acers of land near Cincinnati
his Fatheres is dead he has money plenty but I am afraid he has not
got the one thing needfull he is very sensable and talks with un-
-standing he was much pleased with Sirs preaching at Dayton
he can see great alteration in the settlement he expects to live
on Foxes place ~~we are~~ he says he has lain on Grand river
I want Maria to write but she says she could write to any other
person better than to you she can scarcely talk about you
She never realised the parting stroke till you was gone
She stops and steps at the post office and Comes home discouraged
for wee think you might have written when your Cousin wrote
if it had lain but one line and your name to it
I was very sick the week after you started I had taken a bad
Cold—— I now have week spells but I believe it is occasioned
by setting too close to my work this warm weather the
girls are in better health than they were last sommer
Maria has a better appetite since she walks about so
much in your old tracts—— poor Mr Crossin lies very
low perhaps will be gone before this reaches you
appearence of health is no sine of long life

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Sarah McCoy says she thinks you will come and see us with her mother this fall — some are talking of writing to you but they are so taken up to day with this great preacher that fear they will not take time. I have got acquainted with Brother Hikens Cousin Mrs Conkling she goes to our meeting sometimes the Children has got the measels she says his Mother was at their house ten days ago she and the Children are well next time she comes I am to be sent for — but I must quit and go to meeting well we have heard that powerfull man preach again Brother Challon was very warm to but you can not tell what hard strong it takes to rekindle a flame of sacred love in these Cool hearts of ours. Nothing but almighty power can do it redeeming love can melt where nothing else can penetrate — the text was 1 Corinthians 13 verse he says true religion is sumed up in one word Love. Margret Hunt Mrs. Burnet And all the rest that think of you desires to be remembered to you when we are enjoying those privilages I how often I think of my El Jean Chil She has left her seat and gone into the world Among the heathen o what a sacrifice for young people to make but if you are Contented you have a Continual feast And you are as likely to have the presence of the Lord with you as to all mighty Care I Commit my Child farewell from your ever affectionate Mother

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P S Emaline wants to write to you but she can not she feels the separation (she improves) she is trying to hear will make rest the sweeter when we again we have him to meeting Brother Challon preached from Ephesians 2d 11. 12. 13 verses o how I wished our south could waft the echo to the North that the Children of the Station might be encouraged thereby but Challon is not to reach you but you have the same Gospel to go to Mrs Dean wants you to send your good advice to yuliann Brother Johnson sends his love to you we here very good news from many places it appears this a time for action if I Could live without work I Could spend my time very different — but the time is approaching the western hills we have the pleasure have Mr Coys Children to take tea with us I feel a peticular respect for them

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