

Wheeling May 8th 1837

Dr Margaret

On this day evening a week ago I arrived at Louisville & immediately got on board "the Swan" a fine boat, ready for business. where I arrived on Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock. I spent the remainder of the day & forenoon of Saturday in attending the examination of the students in Cincinnati College with which I was much pleased. I wish Mr Perry had been along to enjoy the boys performances in vocal music. Saturday afternoon I visited the folks at Lane Seminary in company with Mr Guffey & Professor Mitchell. It is a beautiful place & the professors "live at home". Sunday I preached for Dr Beecher & for Mr Mills a son of the late Judge Phillips my former teacher. During my stay I became acquainted among other of the Literati with Dr Drake with whom I was extremely pleased. Monday morning I took boat & was safely landed here on Wednesday evening. Yesterday I spent in visiting our friend here who an all well, but all, except Mr Lyon, seized, more or less with a pannie occasioned by the tremendous shock which has been given to business. She is as merry as a lark: "Pauper coram latrone cantat" - perhaps Gray can interpret this for you: if not try Sam. From letters from David I learn that he intend staying another year in Europe. The people here resemble a flock of wild ducks, as the

Steamboat approaches them on the river, pre-
paring to fly. I would not be surprised if
in three years our friends should be all
in Missouri - where John is on a visit now.

Ridick went up the Cityburg yesterday **to meet**
Dr. Ely before he should embark with his family
for Marion City. Those who have gone write back
such flattering accounts (lies! of course) respecting
the Western Paradise that they think nothing
wanting to complete their felicity but a residence
in Missouri. Fools! They don't know that the place
of happiness is within! This morning I take the
stage for Washington Canonsburg &c. By accounts
they have suffered the affairs of your father's estate
to go into confusion: whether I can succeed in getting
your portion - remains to be seen. They sent
a deed of certain property for us to sign. Please
sign it in the manner required & then send it
back directed to John Ritchie Wheeling, so
that I may sign it on my return. - They talk
of visiting the Far West to start about the time of
my return: That is the Doctor & Anne Ridick &
Elyza & Abigail & I don't know how many
more. The plan is, I think, to go together to Louis-
ville, then for Ab. to go to Bloomington & there
await the return of the Caravan by land
- but it may all end in smoke or rather talk.
William & his wife are expected here shortly.
I can't give you an idea of Craig's "better half".
She surpasses in ugliness & repulsiveness any
thing in the shape of humanity that any body ever
married before, or I hope ever will, till the last of

the long line of Eve's Daughters has found
a husband. In one sense she is, without joking,
the last. The marriage however will undoubtedly
work for Craig's good: which I prove thus: he must
have married for pure love love founded on excellencies
of character that lie out (out of sight to all but love)
& that are likely therefore to be lasting: & thus they will
be happy. — Mr Leake has sold his little place
& what will become of him is not known. Had
he learned some trade it had been better.

Give my respects to Theophilus & all enquiring friend
particularly to Mr Perry, kiss Dolly & An. for
me: tell the rest to be good & obedient children
— & command Craig in the most solemn manner
to go no more out at night. He will one day see
the reason why — if to his sorrow he should not feel
etc.

Your affectionate husband
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Ps. Jane's health is much improved, she &
the rest send respects.

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