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Cincinnati Oct 30 1819

My dear Wife:

It is 42 miles from Columbus
to Springfield and nearly in a western direc-
tion. The roads were but indifferent especially in
the forenoon; yet I rode from the former to
the latter place in one day. Whom should I
meet on the way at the tavern but Mr & Mrs
Gibson; the Lady she that was formerly Mary
Van Hook of Albany. Her Father Derick
J. B. now resides in New York. Mr Gibson is a
Licentiate of the Presby^{terian} or Methodist com-
munion; I don't know which. They are travel-
ling thro' this western Country with a child as
as many little comforts as they can carry.
I arrived on Tuesday at Mr Gwin's 23 m. from
Columbus and about half past 6 was at Spring-
field. The next day I rode 25 m. to Dayton &
in the evening performed D. Service & gave
them a Sermon. The morning following Thurs-
day several of the gentlemen friendly to the
Church called on me about forming a parish
which I promised to assist them to do on my
return and about 10 o'clock proceeded on my
journey & rode 24 miles to Tinkles Tavern.
The next day Friday rode 20 m. to this place

My arrival seemed to give great pleasure to the
Rev. Mr. Johnston and my former friends. I was im-
mediately sent for by Mr. Stone & Family at
whose house I am now most comfortably sit-
ted writing this. According to appointment of Mr.
Johnston I attended Dr. Service & delivered a lecture in the
evening. The same duty is to be performed this evening
10 o'clock P.M. I have been to Church Mr.
J. read prayers & I preached the Sermon. I feel
after a long conversation since Dr. Service, very
much fatigued and must bid you good
night after telling you that I will not close
this letter till the events of tomorrow have
transpired.

Sunday night. 8 o'clock Oct 31-

In continuation — We have had three Ser-
vices today and very full congregations. The
Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper & the
Rite of Confirmation have been administered
and all things have gone on well. Mr. John-
ston and the Congregation of Christ Church
will not consent to my leaving Cin. till
I have spent two Sundays with them &
I think I shall comply with their wishes.
In the mean time I shall visit Col. Biggs
settlement where there is a prospect of a

growing up. He has been at Chh. today and has
seemed much pleased. On my way to Dayton
returning I think I shall go by the way of
Hamilton where there is some prospect
of establishing a parish which with that
at Dayton can in process of time sup-
port a clergyman.

Dr. Heard and Lucy ~~have~~ dined this
day with me at Mr. Stone's where
I lodge in company with a number
of others. Mr. Johnston with the rest
of us are very well & very well
rejoice in it now that my heart
has travelled still with my
dear and best of wives, I should be
by reason of great cheerfulness &
good companionship for others. But
the pleasures of Home spoil me
for every other enjoyment. How I
long to be with you! I hope Whilom
for my darling Son has returned.
I so pray so every thing to make
him happy till you see your loving
P. W. Chase

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