

Columbus, 4 o'clock P.M.,
Monday May 19, 1838

Well here I am, just in time
to save another down shower
It rains so that I cannot go
out. I do. To save time, get down
to chat a moment with you.
I must tell a little more
about that shower on Friday
P.M. It is reported that a
hurry came did much dam-
age about Peoria. It was
said when I passed Mattoon
that a village 10 miles north
had been demolished. I have
seen a man today who was
40 miles below Sarsville
& says they had a great rain
there in the evening with much
wind. It was severe at this place
There is a flood here now, higher than

there had been for 10 years. The
farms on the Little Miami are
all overgrown.

I forgot to tell you, that I helped
to catch a pair of blueberries gathered
two years ago on Mr. Kimball's farm.
Do you suppose they were good?
The rain is holding up a little
& I will go out.

Well, I have taken a cursory
view of the Ohio Penitentiary.
It is a great concern. I hope I soon
will more be obliged to have such
an one. Evidently the discipline
is complete. The Penitentiary at
Alton, finds a parallel only in
some of the miserable schools of
heathendom. But I will not
trouble you with these things.

I expect a letter will be started
tomorrow for my at Auburn.

How does Jane get along? I would
be glad to see her. Hope to hear that

she is better. Hope you & the
children all keep well. I wish you
would tell me whether you had a
shower last Friday from 11 to 12
2 2 4 o'clock P.M. Reports are
that the same storm that I was
out in blew a terrible gale at
Galtsburg & Peoria. I was
tremendous I am told at this place
that is, as I have traced it the
storm raged from the Mississippi
to Columbus, & far up to the
north & far down to the south. It
all raged when it was of great
force & violence. I shall try & find
out more about it.

I must stop now. A kiss & all
George.

Will write again when I hear