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Letter from Esther Alexander Crowe to John Finley Crowe, July 11, 1814

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Fayette County Ky My Dearest How anxious do I feci to releive your mind of its suspence But it apears that all my efforts was vain. For I have written every time I have receiv^a letters from you, and I canot acount for you not hearing from me but I still hope that you have got at least two before this time. I have been blessed in hearing from you often except for about three weeks after you started, or perhaps more, that I never heard any thing from you, and I well remember with what impatience I waited for your letter. this knowledge has made me careful to write as soon as I receivd yours but I have not always had an opportunity of sending them to the office as soon as they were wrote----My love I got yours of the 6^a & 18^a June last night and could hardly wait until morn ing to write, seeing you were so low spirited and imagineing such melencholy things that I feared if you had not heard from me before that time, your situation was much worse than mine had ever been, but my dear you was indulgeing in a wrong idea when you concluded I was unable to write and that my friends were waiting the issue before they would write for had I been sick I should not have been formel in waiting a letter from you, until I would have made it known to you either by myself or some other person, for so I will if I get sick I canot conceal it from you. but my love, I have enjoyd as reasonable portion of health as I could expect I am well at present and in much better spirits than before I receiv^a your last letters O my Dear I was greatly discour aged and all the consolation my friends gave me was that I would not see you irnder twelve months at least. this thought seemed insupportable not only as it deprivd rae of the happiness I antisipated in your company but I knew not how I could ever put as much confidence i

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ss I anticipated in your company but I knew not how I could ever put as much confidence in you again as I had done if you did deceive me so much. but I will not any longer cause myself uneasiness about the reports., after the asurence you have given me to the contrary. for I believe my dearest, you would rather deceive many others than me. I recd al etter last Sunday that M*1 Blythe had got from you a few days before he told me he was going to answer it next day and that he wanted to tell you I was well satisfied and very anxious you should stay on an other sesion. but my love, if he has done so it was without permission. I expect you know me better than to believe it. he receivd the one you wrote him from Chilichothe and he told me he intended send ing you a cirtificate I know not that he done it but I know that he wrote to you pretty shortly after and I think he told me he directed his letter to philedelphia which may be the cause of your not getting it as it v;ould not be got there before you left that. I wish you would let me know the progress you gp&ke in your studies and wheather there is hopes of finishing this sesion or not. I think long for that time to come when we shall live more

agreeable to ourselves and be more profitable to our fellow mortals than we are at present. for, my dear I often feel like a blank in creation, answering no other purpose than liveing for a trouble, and anxiety to my friends. If you have the(e) advantages there which you expected I hope you vail not be overmuch concerned about me, so as not to receive the benefits there of.--- I want you, o my earthly all, I want you to remember me when you aproach the presence of your God and imjlore for me the grace proportined to my day and think as little about me at other times as posible. If the Lord is with me I shall do well it may be tho sorrow last for a night joy vail come in the morning o my dear I can sometimes clame him as the portion of my soul and can rejoice in him then I feel like praising him for affliction and crying O Lord, I have enough; may I but call the mine. o for an abideing sense of his love to my soul and for an entire resignation to his divine will and dispensation

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- My Dear I most sincerely wish I had the opportunity of attending some of your society meetings with you I suppose I should begin to feel like I had got back to Belleview. tho there may be some difERENCE in the modes of worshiping yet I expect it is the same trod that condecends to bless. I have not had any letters from our friends since I last wrote to you I had five from you b'gfpj'e started before that. I have written to none of them but John Henry., for my dear you keep me almost busy, but I expect again you receive a few of them the task will be lighter for I think you will wish me I,o to make them shorter or seldomer the former I would do did I not know I should blame you if you did not fill your paper, therefore I have concluded to send it full however unsatisfying it may be to you, the people is genrelly well there is no complaint so common as the hooping cough but that is all around us it has caried a number of children. poily steele has lost her little girl with it I am much dreading its comeing here would not risk heaving it at present for a great deal ----- My love I undertook to read my testament more after you left me than I had done before I made it a rule to read a chapter or two every night when I retired for bed have got on to the first of Romans and expect to be through again you get home which T shall calculate on by the last of October my dear I have nothing more but that we are all well and that you are not forgotten by any of us, but stll continues to be with some of us our dearer part my love adue for the present again Farewell--Esther Crow

