

Y. J. Chen. No. 12  
to Mr. Mrs. W. J. Chen  
May 21st 1834

Wednesday Evening

My Dear Mama

Agreeable to your Request that  
I should write you on Wednesday I have  
this commenced to do so, I presume you are  
at this time on your way up the River, we  
have had very warm pleasant <sup>weather</sup> since you left  
us I think you must of found it rather  
uncomfortably so in New York. - Cortlandt wrote  
to Papa on Monday something about the painting  
of the House at Sing Sing, he expected to have  
received an answer to day but did not I think  
cream colour is prettier than yellow to paint  
it. - There was a man by the name of  
Givens hung himself last night in  
Sing Sing, he was from New York and had  
been boarding at Nelsons on the dock

He was rather dissipated and after his frolics  
would generally be very Melancholy and had expressed  
himself that if he could not break himself  
of the habit he would hang himself, he had  
now been in a frolic for several days and was  
found this morning hanging to the bedpost in  
his room dead. —

I believe I have no other news to inform you  
of we are all very well here and with in  
love to you all Tell Aunt we expect to see her  
on your return and are anticipating a great deal  
of pleasure in her visit, So write soon

Your affectionate daughter  
Joanna

Boston May 21<sup>st</sup> 1834

P.S. I found your card case and cards this morning  
in your drawer had I seen them before I should  
have sent them to you as I think you must  
have missed them very much