

Grove Hill April 11<sup>th</sup> 1836

My Dear Brother

I received your letter some time since but as you said you were going to leave Pensacola in a few days and would be absent a month I thought it best not to answer your letter until you had time to return as it would only be laying in the office there. There was one come for Eliza a few days before mine which I sent to her and I believe she has answered it. She is in the city. She writes it is quite gay there at present and that she is enjoying herself very much, but I presume she has told you all the city news herself as she says she has written to you. — Catharine returned home on Saturday she is very well and appears to be quite glad to get home again after her long visit. — I received a letter from Albany a few days since Ann was very well Ann was

not very well she has a cold and has been very much  
troubled with a pain in her face, <sup>all the winter</sup> which still continues  
Gardner is at present at home he has left Mr Fountains  
It appears as if the cold weather could not leave us, it is  
now the middle of April and the mountains are covered  
with snow and on the back roads quite good sleighing  
I never was so tired of snow before. The river though is open  
at last and it appears quite delightful to have the steamboats  
back again after being so long shut up, we have a morning  
and evening boat, the Mount Pleasant has been sold and  
we have the Frank, now for the evening boat. —

I expect there will be a great deal of building here  
this summer there is several new houses already under  
way and a number of places have changed owners  
Mr Watson has sold his place for \$9,000 he gave but  
\$2,500 for it, quite an advance on the price, property  
is very high here this spring, a number of other places  
have sold equally as high, Mr Ward has sold his old  
place to Brimjon. Mr Graham, Ellis, and Dr Lusk  
have also sold their places. The Ellis Place is to be  
occupied for the present by the new Female Seminary  
as they have a lease on it for two years; Miss Pinner is

Married to Mr Cunningham. I believe the school will be continuing  
as usual, but I do not think it will be as successful  
after the loss of it as it has been. — Mrs Roman is the  
Principle of the new Seminary here. —

I send you the Papers quite frequently do you receive  
them? I sent the Herald and Times yesterday

The General has not taken up his abode at Proctor yet  
he comes down occasionally but there is no one living  
there yet but Phil Fowler, Miss Cook has got back  
to her old place again and I presume she will  
be on as soon as the canals are open. —

Papa has just returned from New York he says  
friendly there are all well he saw all but Oakes  
who for some cause does not leave the Navy Yard  
at present. — I hope you will keep free from  
any scrapes. Papa says I must tell you that  
Comstock that stole the horse he wrote you about  
has been caught. — we are all very well here  
and all join in love to you, Do write again very  
soon and

Believe me Your ever  
affectionate sister  
though dull correspondent  
Joanna

Excuse the writing, mistakes, &c

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