

Ann Arbor September 19th 1835

Dear Brother I was preparing to start for Pa. when on paying my last visit to the Post Office which was yesterday I received quite unexpectedly a letter from Eliza McAllister informing me that she had disposed of herself to a Mr Robert Strain a gentleman whom I have had a great regard for, for two years but whom I never expected to court me, esteeming him highly, admiring him and considering him a good offer. I had reluctance in giving him my heart and hand. I expect of nothing unforeseen occurs - that we will be married in about five weeks and start immediately for Springfield, Ohio, which will be our place of residence for some time. He is pious, intelligent, handsome, and has fine manners, and, 34 years old. He is a widower, has one son "

Consequently I shall defer going to Pa. for the present. If I could just as well go as not I would still go. But the rainy days honest, and Robert's hired man getting sick as soon as the weather become good, has put Robert work back. And the Milldam ought have some work done on it. I want to run a log on the bank of the dam so as not to have to put on so many boards to raise and keep up the head. These things are urging. And want as much waiting upon as Father as strict attention as the Ladies, and must be done. My losing Eliza you probably think is not a lamentable circumstance for me. I have not and don't intend to take offence at her. She was much more willing to get married than I was. And I was willing she should do better if opportunity offered. For you were all opposed to the match and I did not think myself it would be a suitable one. John Geddes of New Orleans was married a few weeks ago to a Miss Harris of Hamilton County, Ohio. Robert his brother was daily expected in Farmington. Eliza's weight she says is 91. She is very lean at present, and says perhaps it thinking about getting married that ails her. But has not been very well ^{head} for two or three weeks. The friends are all well; This is the news of her letter. I have not from Jane lately Maria's journey to Broome has agreed with her, we are expecting home in a week. Robert, me, and the little ones are well. This has been a cool and healthy season. We had a frost on the 15th of this month, which affected the corn and Potatoes considerable. The Thermometer was 40 degrees. The cool summer has made corn late and there will not be a good crop. Wheat is .80 bushel per bushel in Ann Arbor. I am quite behind hand in news from Pa. And I hope you will on the receipt of this send me along letter close and compact as a Macedonian phalanx. The Ohio war is over, and no body killed. General Jackson interposed and removed our acting Governor, and the militia were sent home. At present we are without a Governor. And it is presumed we will have any until our State officers are elected which is the first monday in October. The Whigs make no opposition to the Van Buren nomination in the Territories. Stevens T. Mason (who was lately removed by Jackson) is the

^{for Governor} Van Buren candidate and I have no doubt will be elected. Probably it would be suitable for you to winter in Michigan I would be glad to see you if I had as much time as you have I would certainly call to see you and the rest of them. I want to know what our half Brothers are about. Bring Hannah. Note memoirs with you I am too busy to write any more at this time. Farewell. John Geddes
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