My dr Sir

9th August

I wish I could do more than express simply my gratitude for yr kind thoughtfulness — imposing honour by myself — the most acceptable offering my wife be — the assurance, that in the midst of a bitter & corroding care — yr kind act has cheered a Mother & children —

with the small sum I derive from the customs & ~~[illegible]~~ and the few scholars I get number — I can with great difficulty make the month out as it returns — of course ~~as yet~~ I had not been able to meet the Rent; — next month must decide my success as a Teacher & determine me whether or not to continue as we now are, the schools fill in Sept^r & many thinks I shall get my portion in the way of Pupils — however great it may be so — for no small part of the pain my situation imposes, is the consciousness of how much trouble I give to others — I will subjoin to this a receipt for the money you have advanced

John Hibbard
Centre Hill
Lucas Co Ohio

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Mrs Ann E. Johnson
9 August 1833.