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## Letter from Joanna [Muir Brown] to John Muir, 1882 Apr 22.

Joanna Muir Brown

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him against his will we would not have a res-  
 ments place. If he would  
 board in some kind fam-  
 ily it would not be quite  
 so bad, but this he will  
 not consent to as he says  
 he will not be bothered  
 with other peoples family  
 reputations, he must  
 have his own way about  
~~every thing~~ or he is unhap-  
 py. Walter says we almost  
 ought to go and live in  
 Hamilton for the sake  
 of taking care of him  
 but that is impossible  
 at present and I never  
 knew anything so dreadfully  
 perplexing.

we will hope  
 to hear from  
 you very soon  
 I suppose you  
 need our other  
 letters  
 Affectionately  
 Yours  
 James

Jefferson Ark.  
 Apr. 22. '22

Dear John:-

Walter and I are  
 in real perplexity and I  
 feel like writing to you  
 about it thinking you  
 may be able to offer some  
 suggestion.

Father, although  
 entirely satisfied with  
 this climate and surround-  
 ings, has become restless  
 once more and expresses  
 as his wish to return to  
 Canada. Now what can

we do, he is no more able to take care of himself than a little child and yet he says he will rent some rooms and board himself, the reason he gives is the old one - he can do so much more good there as he can go into the market and see so many people without traveling about.

It is reasoning concerning his inability can make the least impression on him and we are completely at a loss to know what to do, for

it does seem out of the question to let him go.

Walter has eleven hundred dollars of his money in his business which, by the way, with a promissory note for two hundred, and two small houses in Portage is all that remains of his earthly possessions and at present we are hindering him from going by telling him that it is inconvenient to let him have the necessary money but of course that will not last long and if we should obtain