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

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him against his will we would not have a moments peace. If he would board in some kind family 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 regulations, he must have his own way about every thing or he is unhappy. 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  
will see other  
letters  
Affectionately  
Yours  
James

Jefferson Ark.  
Apr. 22. '82

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 surroundings, has become restless once more and expresses 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 detain