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## Letter from Jo Towlindaw to Mr. & Mrs. John Armstrong

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Tuesday Aug 23 - 1844

To Mr Joshua Armstrong & Lady  
Dear valued friends.

Having with the blessing of heaven  
 I arrived at Lexington the evening in health and safety. My long  
 north communicating has caused in the place since my absence  
 to continue to be distinguished as usual in an unusual degree  
 for the health of its inhabitants and would that I could but  
 it is equally remarkable for its devotion to the high and unso-  
 able claims of our holy Religion but though in view with the  
 prospect in prospect that notwithstanding they have been nourish-  
 ed and brought up by the fostering care of Providence a major-  
 ity appear to make a suitable improvement of his loving kind-  
 ness and would be unpardonable not to express our great  
 thank that our Lord has in a manner according to the election  
 of grace a few among who have united themselves in concert  
 with a common Lord and Master of whom the whole  
 family in heaven and earth is named the manifestation of  
 the ambassador of Christ of every denomination and  
 sincerely and faithfully attended it is to be regretted  
 however that plain honest and evangelical teaching as the  
 solemn words of death judgment and Eternity is not and  
 faithfully practiced and cordially received <sup>among us</sup> I often fear  
 that no sola scriptura to make at the altar and too much in-  
 clined to reject the common and unqualified expectations  
 of our hearts at the expense of the substantiated benefit  
 made so to set to obtain the reputation of having seen  
 a few things that if they lived the rest at the root of  
 their unity - and so have brought down the mighty sword of  
 folly to the dust of uprightness and self condemnation in  
 which condition show they are rationally and scripturally  
 of part to show the path down representing sanctifying and



glorifying grace of our heavenly Redeemer, & that record of the  
praiseful activity and boldness which characterize the apostles in  
their and upon, emanated from us, our day, who are appointed  
to cultivate the vineyard of the Lord, their indeed great would  
be the rejoicing in the habitation of the Holy Spirit, and wide made  
in the devotion in the midst of darkness before the mighty name  
of truth the work of our life like the work of the Philistines before  
Jonathan his armor beam would rapidly melt away, the valuable  
virtue cannot be obtained without the hearty cooperation of the man  
leadership of us only when sorrow and then sustained in our  
hands that Joshua decompacted annihilated the ship of the ap.  
the no coercion, that his mightiest efforts would return void  
unless they were engaged by the exemplary lives and great power  
of those who were heads of his flock, the whole Christian  
Church is spoken of under the idea of a Body no member  
of which can be severed effectively without the concurrence  
of all the rest, how then God has so wisely and proportionally  
distributed our responsibility as members of the same spiritual  
family how important to ascertain our personal duties, and how  
you then cheerfully and judiciously that we may not be  
abandoned before him, but by coming to the aid of each other  
and that you will do best, please me when I say that  
I give it as my opinion that God has made you together  
with those of your connection, not whom I have had the pleasure  
of being conversant the honored instruments of ascending both by  
your faith and generosity, and extended and extended  
concern to the cause of humanity and religion, there has our  
fellow to the lot of any other family, within the compass  
of my acquaintance, may be who has thus made you faithful  
stewards of his manifold goods, continued to prosper you  
in all your doings, to crown you with loving kindness  
and tender mercies, and abundantly to give the means for  
the increase of that diffusive benevolence with which he

has so richly endowed you. When I forgot to be grateful  
you open your unaffected kindness and ~~hospitality~~ to me, may my  
heart have found her cunning and my tongue clear of the hoop  
of my mouth have pleasurable is the recollection of your society  
and conversation and the affectionate and dignified behavior  
of your amiable ~~children~~ little children at sea, joined in the  
course of my trip, I thought the remembrance of it would clear  
of la apostata with sadness and melancholy, but even in  
connection with the circumstances to which I allude I was well  
kept and so well upon it with greater satisfaction that upon  
any one I had hitherto taken and I am sure that shall  
I retain my memory and any claim to being influenced by  
morning principles, I shall reflect upon it as among the most  
agreeable scenes of my existence, O Friendship, dost thou  
the invaluable precepts of our holy Religion has taught they imp  
be regarded the order, which would otherwise encumber our  
pilgrimage through the world, in a mightily doct than ~~contend~~  
to reconcile men to be too in the wilderness of sorrow in  
what kindly colors does thou portray the happiness that reigns  
in the society of those who walk in white before ministers  
without weariness at the throne of our almighty God, and  
that I may ever conduct in a manner which will merit  
it, that in some humble degree you much island found  
ships and others in the service with of ~~my~~  
I am ever your most obliged & humble

Dear and  
To Bevilacqua

NB It will be gratifying to me to hear from you in  
answer to this you will also oblige me by remembering me  
affectionately to your Brother, Family & Friends  
P  
J. J.