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[letter addressed to "Miss Anne S. Lashbrooke, Washington, Kentucky"; postmarked
"GEORGETOWN KY. JUL 29"]

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My dear Anne

I expect you begin to think I have no idea of
answering your tardy epistle, and indeed I don't think you discove [discover] one, I am actually
beginning to believe I must be the most amiable being in existance, [existence] or I should never
have forgiven your neglect.

You spoke when I last saw you of visiting this part of the world sometime during the summer, I
was very much in hopes you would have done so, you can't tell how delighted I should be to see
you.

I suppose your little town must be gay from the
number of strangers in it, Jane Forman wrote me the Mifs [Miss] Taylor's of Virginia were with
you.

The good folks of Georgtown [Georgetown] were
very frolicksome [frolicsome] about the 4th of this month, they gave

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a very large ball, I was there and was happy as happy could be, you know I am such a belle I
could not be otherwise, unfortunatly [unfortunately] I have had the blues ever since. I suppose
my beloved cousin Johnnie Jim has recovered his spirits by this time, as Mifs [Miss] Mackie and
someone else from Augusta have been visiting at his fathers I am afraid my presence would have
no effect upon the dear boy.

My sister and myself speak of visiting Cincinnatti
[Cincinnati] in Septimber, [September] if we do we will go by Maysville [Kentucky], and then I

hope to have the pleasure of seeking my Washington friends, indeed Anne you can't imagine how much I love you all, I would give my nose (much as I admire it) to see you and be with you all for one week.

We have had weddings upon weddings in this neighborhood, there has been three within the last three weeks. I was at one look Thursday.

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When I commenced this letter I intended making it as short as yours but I forgot myself and with more than I intended I have just finished a letter to Jane Forman, she speaks of visiting me in August, could not my dear Anne accompany her? I should be delighted to see you.

I have just heard Dr Ronnell's and Frances Marshall were engaged, ask the Dr if it is a fact? I feel great anxiety upon the subject. How I have run on but positively I must stop or you will throw my letter down in disgust. My love to you Ane [Anne], Jane, and all who take the trouble to inquire for me.

Yours affectionate [affectionately]

Charlotte J Duke