

Worcester November 9<sup>th</sup> 1838

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Letter from John Green to John P. Green  
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For Mr John C. Green No 63 1/2 Cedar St

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New York, November 10th 1838  
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