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This letter is the first announcement of the earliest known reference to Cincinnati as the Queen City.

On May 4, 1819, Ed. B. Cooke wrote in the Inquisitor and Cincinnati Advertiser, "There are few places in the history of any country, which have arisen to such consequence, in so short a period, as Cincinnati. The city is, indeed, justly styled the fair Queen of the West: distinguished for order, enterprise, public spirit, and liberality, -- she stands the wonder of an admiring world. That she may long continue to advance in wealth, elegance, and importance, is the desire of one whose best exertions have been used to promote her prosperity."

Hail to the queen city of Babylon and the seven hills of ancient Rome. As it was written two thousand years ago in the Book of Revelation, "How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her."



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