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Dear Friend & Brother

Your of Apr 20th came to me a few days ago your letter made me glad and I must confess that I have shamefully neglected not only you but all of my correspondence. Your letter also made me sad by forcing more strongly the past on my memory the past seven years has been in one respect full of disappointments and vexations I mean my financial efforts I have felt certain many times that I had every prospect of getting the amt due you from me but somehow it always failed the property that I sold I sold for a span of mules I was owing Geo Forbes and he got the mules there there is where I done wrong and it seems

that I have been wrong ever since but this
you have heard I think from me before so
I will to the present the Tannery enterprise
as I have said before broke me up and at
the time when I was married leaving the
responsibility of a family on my hands
to maintain them I must this I have
done and am about out of debt in this
country and have a home of my own
and in addition to this I have claims
to the amount of between six and seven
thousand dollars against the Company
that ^{to whom} I sold the Tannery the man
that went their security lives in Philadel-
phia and also the members of the firm
most of them live in Pa, I had to bring
suit in that State which has been
in court there for a long time but
has been put off by the security every
Term of court on different pleas and

I may finally be beat out of it altogether
my Lawyers write me that they think
their is but little doubt but they can
push the case to trial ~~next~~ August
I Can not tell what the result will be
but this has been the cause of my
not writing oftener to you I have
waited and hoped to to get something
out of this if I can you shall certany
have it if God Spares me I will pay it
when I can I can say no more

There is a great deal more that I
should like to say my family is well
except myself I have been for
near three months ~~about~~ helped
with Rheumatism in my Ankles we
have two children living one sweet
little girl was taken home when near
two years old we have one daughter
near six years old and one 18 month old

Sickness among children seems to
be more fatal in this country than
it used to be doctors bills and medicine
has weighed heavy on me the past three
years I still feel an abiding trust
in Gods mercy I must say your
good Example of the Christian char-
-acter has always had a strong
hold on me ever since my acquain-
-tance with you I am trying to walk
Circumspectly and to exemplify the
Christian life I have many trials
pray for me I have agreed to go and
read the funeral service at the
grave of a little child this evening
there being no minister in town I
try to and succeed pretty well in
Superintending the Sabbath School⁴