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Dear

mother and father I have seated my self probably for the last time to inform you that we are all well at present hoping that these lines may find you the same I sold my farm in Ohio and emigrated to this state to try the realites of it I bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres all clear land and twenty acres of timber a small frame house and young orchard for eighteen hundred dollars its now worth three thousand dollars the land is rich and climate is rich healthy we live within about eleven miles of Chalesworth label and Phebe was here a short time ago they were all well and well satisfied with the Country, I can not tell for my part what is the reason some of you doe not write to me with out you consider me not worthy I know verry well that I have bin belied miss represented and standerd by one who calls himself a brother and Pretends to be a follower of the meek and lowly Jesus. but never mind I suppose I will have to bare with it as I am not of the disposition to make a fuss or take my part when I ought I am not a braid but what I can get a long where I am knowse or at least I have so far with all the showers of Abuse that unneely member could do against me



I am in hopes I shall here from some  
of you soon, if not this will be the  
last time that I shall ever trouble  
enny of you so no more at Present but  
hope I shall not be forgotten give my  
respects to all who inquire after me if  
there is enny this is from your  
Prodigal son

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