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Jan 1826
S. M. Weston 25.

Columbus, Jan'y 25th 1826.

Dear Brother,
From a letter received by Mr
Devenport I learn that you have been
severely afflicted and that you appre-
hend you are not long to be an in-
habitant of this vale of tears. Our
souls and bodies are in the hands of God
and all we can do is to leave with sub-
mission to his divine will. I have no
doubt you feel that supporting grace
which you have so often recommended
to your fellow men that grace which
can extract the sting of death and
light up and cheer the gloomy vale
of death. The dispensations of providence
are often inscrutable to us but we
know that all things shall work
together for good to them that love
God. My ardent prayer is that you and
I and any may be prepared to survive

or die as our heavenly parent shall see
best for us. I would find hope that it
is the will of heaven that your life
may yet be protracted many years.
You are a better Physician than I and
have no doubt had medical aid. I should
apprehend the system should be re-
-vised and you should live ab-
-stemiously.

My family are now in the en-
-joyment of moderate health. We have
had severe colds &c amongst us - I
expect if life is spared to continue
another year at Columbus, but shall
I think move the family to Newville
next summer - I have two opponents
this winter but think I shall suc-
-ceed. We have nothing legislative
particularly interesting. The session will
close in about two weeks -

The draft sent on by this Bank for you
has been paid and I have lifted our note.
I paid for you \$2.12 collection fees
charged by the bank - The family yours in
love to you all
yours truly N. M. Leard