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LANCASTER Friday eve

Dear Brother Findley

It has been so long since you visited Lancaster that I begin to fear it has with you no pleasant associations and that you have really forgotten too that Findley blood is coursing through our veins - come and see whether in honour or dishonour - but I would offer you a higher and holier inducement - to do good and to communicate forget not, is no doubt with you a settled principle, and the wider the sphere, the more extended the field, the happier are your labours - yet how apt are we when all is calm to lay down our oars and gently glide down the stream and yet even along the margin we might have reached forth a helping or reforming hand but passed on and saw when too late - so it may be with you and I would stir up your pure mind by way of remembrance, would not variety be a stimulus? and then you would return to your old jobbing with renewed diligence for we would send over to you the Macedonian cry - COME OVER AND HELP US - we feel the Lord is waiting to be gracious

That the angel of the covenant has troubled the waters that sinners in Zion are afraid and fearfulness has surprised the hypocrite and backslider and the followers of the blessed Jesus are longing to see the thing in his beauty and for greater conformity to Him: with Bro Moody the spirit is willing but the clay vessel totters under his accumulated labour as he has had no aid since with us but most cheerfully does he seem

To spend and be spent for them

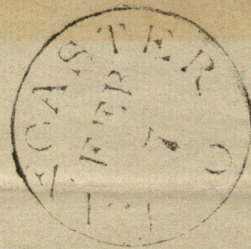
Who have not yet ^{any} Saviour known

And I know you too feel it a glorious work to add jewels to a Saviour's crown to save immortal souls from everlasting burnings to win them to a pardoning God, O come then over and help us that

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you may be the happy instrument of so doing, shall it be that our
blessed Saviour bled and died in vain for any in our midst?

I hope you see and feel that you are now sowing seed that will
spring up and bring forth even an hundred fold for where much is for-
given will they not love much, may you live to see some of those poor
convicts humble and devoted christians - but do let me unite my
entreaties with Bro. Moody's and others to come to our next quarterly
^{meeting} it commences to morrow (Saturday) week we do feel we can take
no denial your good our good our blessed Saviours cause all
will be furthered - it is said every man may be bought I wish I
knew what to offer you (and yet I would not forget woe be to them
who go down into Egypt for help) - but I would say "Jesus thy
thou wilt be" - wherever you are I pray ^{thy} faithful
witness
we will anxiously look for you will
expect you at our house & will try to make you comfortable
very affectionately yours
Truly in the best of bonds
S. A. Maccracken

I have not forgotten and I hope you have not your kind almost
promise to preach from the text for us - "pray without
ceasing" that is what our young converts need, that is what I an old
convert need - That is our strong hold - -