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Gatton Jan 2 (53)

Rev Sir

we are all well with the

exception of colds William was married last Tuesday
all over the went to Rickman & returned next day
such has been the break up all over our country
that there is no paper for the conflict between
John Selon & Peter is wash out and much of the
gravel of the road the water run over the pike
East of the Barn but has done no damage
our Railroad much damaged 3 Bridges gone on
the can pike & roads much washed
its been wet and high dry ground
the damage done in this country on all the streams
is very great and soon can never be repaired
we have killed 912 of our hogs sold nine the
overaged (~~235~~) in all 22 18 lbs. the balance of
the shall keep a while we have the most
of our corn (in the Barn) husked out and put
away and one trying to work all we can but
it rains or storms most of the time.

tomorrow the boy start to school and if I make
out to get wood feed &c it will be all
pleas pay for the Advocate at the book Roane
~~for me~~ this year & get a receipt I will pay you
when you come up I forgot it when you started
again we have had a meeting in town all
week little done it been so wet the calendar
attend much its still in progress I was there to
day and heard Thomas Arnott (a Quaker from
Waynesville Warren Co) preach a good orthodox and
impassive sermon Mr Neff preacher to night
will & let us hear how you are & how doing
you as ever

Rev J B Finley

John C Brooke