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Blair

Free Jm. M. Sean M. C.

New James B. Lerby
Upper Hancock Ky Ohio

If you truly is not at all
you please please to write
often him to the Rev.

William Blair
Feb 13 1824

Washington City 13th Feb 1824

Dear Mother

I have now set down to address a man whom
I was always proud to call my friend. But not knowing
whether this letter will ever reach you shall not say all
that my heart would dictate. I am now writing under
the roof of our mutual friend J. M. and have the
extreme pleasure of saying that they all enjoy good
health I have not seen Rebecca look so well for
six years as she now does in a word her complaint
is entirely removed and she has not had one sick
day since I reached this place in Nov last.

While I am here surrounded with the giddy and
the gay enjoying all the comforts of life you
are perhaps in some smoky wigwam on the shore
of Lake Huron a holding a prayer meeting
with the natives of the forest and perhaps this
night a fire may be kindled in the breast
of some madame Wesley that may never be extin-
guished until it burns up every vestige of idolatry
amongst the sons of the forests. May God grant it
you say Amen And Amen my soul expands

My Dear Brother yours is a trying task in this world
but your reward will be in proportion in that world
to which we are all hastening. I should not be able
to get along this winter if it was not for a
confidence that I have in ~~the~~ Lord. When I look
back on past life and see how good the Lord
has been to me, my confidence is increased and
I can commit my absent family to His care and
repose my head on my pillow and rest with a
confidence approaching to certainty that He
will take care of them. The Lord is not confined
to one place for while He is blessing you in
the wilderness He is also here in the city full —
pours out His spirit in rich profusion on
all who seek His face in sincerity and I bless
God that there is a large number of such
characters. You must not fail to come this
way both going to and returning from conference
at Baltimore. Write me immediately when I may
look for you here. Horriet and all the family
desire to be remembered to you both give my love to sister
and pray for me and believe me your affectionate brother
Wm. Blair