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## Letter from B.E. Taylor to James B. Finley

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Wagerstown March 21<sup>st</sup> 1833

Dear Friend and Grand Father  
This Morning we are all well though  
since we saw you last, we have had some sick-  
ness but the Lord has brought us through  
safely and thank his thrice Holy Name  
for all his benefits, and for that care that  
has been made manifest to us in sickness  
as well as in health.

My object in writing to you at this  
time is to get you to see what condition  
Books can be had for to sell.

The men which I was engaged with  
have sold out their contract and it will  
be some time before they will be able to settle  
up their engagements I have been under the  
necessity of taking considerable of trade  
and still they owe me about fifty dollars.

And now my object is to get in  
some permanent business if possible  
I have been elected Mayor of the Place  
but the office will not pay of it self but  
I thought by connecting something like  
the Book Business with it I would  
pay very well, George Debolt Postmaster,  
wishes to engage with me, and one house will

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be sufficient for us both, and we would  
be equal partners in the Post office and in  
the Book concern. We talked with the  
Merchants, and they are willing to let  
us have all the books they have on hand  
and agree to keep no more books but  
give us all the assistance possible.

If you please as you are acquainted  
to see for us whether Books can be got on  
Commission, or what is your opinion of the  
matter as in the midst of Council there is  
softly, My health is good and I can't be  
idle as that is contrary to my nature.

As to putting I shall rent my Shop and  
do nothing but that for fear I shall be affected  
by the using of the Lead again.

The Health of our Place tolerable good  
Bro James Taylor Buried his little girl  
last week. We had expected to  
be at Mr Brooke's before this time but  
the Roads are so bad that one horse can't  
take us to the pit very well and now  
I thought I would not go till I got  
an answer from you.

Catherine and the Children all  
Join in sending you their Love  
Pray for us and may the Lord bless  
you and your Labours,  
Yours indeed, B. E. Taylor