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April 16. 1825 - London

My dear Son James) On last evening I received yours bearing date March 21. 1825, was thankful ~~you~~ that you were all alive, & that God was still with you, & that the Kingdom of grace among you was like our spirit Trees in full bloom. I have been free from Pneumatisms for some months past, & enjoy measurable health, till a few weeks ago, I was caught out in one of the most storm ^{vicious} I remember ever to have been exposed to. The rain poured in from water spouts, a violent wind, & was falling all round on every hand, & an alarming storm of hail, some places shoe mouth deep, but in the midst of danger the good Lord had prepared a Paravise, to which I fled, & found a refuge from the storm. I caught a cold from which I ^{have} not yet recovered. Our next Quarter meeting will be at Old Brown Amvines on Mill Creek, & a camp meeting likewise. It will commence, on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock to continue till Monday. you are sensible the settlement is new, their farms small, grain scarce, & being before harvest, no pasture. Good provision will be made for Crutches Horses, & public notice given for all others that may attend to come prepared, to keep themselves & Horses, & to have no dependence on the vicinity for assistance. Please me a letter to London to let me know what members of our Horest Parish will attend, & I will prepare ^{for} them, their Horses will be the worst. There is good work at Brother Amvines, some ^{time} ago I took in 12 at a night meeting, & left round seven, there is a good work in several places of the Circuit, our Officers need another Schooning, come prepared for that purpose.

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London
April 21 1825

Wm James. D. Fairley
Upper San Diego



Wm James
London

I shall have no objection to going home with you from
that place if you can ~~the~~ supply my place in my ab-
sence for the satisfaction of the People, but I am afraid
that will be hard on the good health ^{given} favour in their
sight, as he did Joseph in the eyes of ~~Pharaoh~~ Pharaoh. My
College is looking & not forming ground in the opinion
of the People. No person ever more sensible felt the approach
of mortality than I do, altho' I preach about 84 times every
Sunday. I look ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{at} before me, & feel myself not only talking
to my children, grand & great grand children, all my ac-
quaintances, but the whole humane family, & can say
from my heart, Lord God Jesus, come quickly, for I sincerely
desire the moment, get, & all means to make more sail,
And excuse my utmost good,
& resignation I suppose know,
& that Patience you must never let go.

Remember me to Hannah, your my niece, Brother Herper &
his companions, & my self that may conquer after me. I
remain your affectionate father & Pastor enough

Robert W. Taylor

My dear
Robert