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William Ottinger
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(Chas. Ins. J. S. J.)
Jun 24

Rev. James W. Lindley
Ridgville Warren Co
Ohio
Via Indianapolis

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June 22 A.D. 1838

Dear Uncle James:

I with pleasure embrace this present leisure moment to communicate my mind on matters and things to you as a venerable sage and father in Israel. In consequence of having no young company to associate myself with I get lonesome, though they are young society but they are as uncultivated and uncouth as the primeval of the Land they ought to be precipitated in the abyss of darkness, and their in nocturnal shades bring out their miserable and ignorant existence. My prominate object is to get myself well fortified with the Pecuniary matters - though I am not so much absorbed in this matter as to be entirelyly indifferant to the Great and important concerns that make for my peace and salvation. I can see most indubitably that I am under the fostering and protecting care of Heaven every day of my life - The Lord has prospered me so far; and I believe if I ascribe I will prosper in my basket and my store, the service of the Lord is the grand Cardinal Mucalis about which I hang - I suppose that you recollect of giving me a piece of advice - if you do not I do, as follows - "It is better to suffer wrong than do wrong" I have since that time made it my predominate motto of action. I find that every place I go I have friends but here in consequence of Bill Strane acting the deavils so that the people have been set against me - some observations have been made that I was no better than Billy Strane "My uncle Billy"!! I put I take a plain independent course in life - seeking to know person I will not kiss the hosieries of ^{any man} ~~any person~~ to associate myself

in their good graces I have made some money since
I have been here and ^{will} all probably I make as much
more this fall - It is generally a healthy time here now
I have a speculation in view and if I get it accomplished I can
make my fortune in a short time they are some Land to
enter that has got great advantages in every point of view
water power and a situation for a town I have bargained
for the preemption Right ~~with~~ I am to give my horse then I
will have \$2.00 that I can raise; that is all I can ^{raise at} ~~raise~~ ^{I cannot get it more}
present I have more than I have standing out but what I
lack is 1,00 dollars to enter the tract and I thought
that if you had the money to spare I would give you
an interest in it and if that did not suit you, I would
give you what interest you would say for the loan
of the money and give you a mortgage on the Land - I
would be willing to do more every way to get the tract of
Land for I know it would be a foundation of a fortune
I could make a turn that would ~~turn over~~ count -
It may be wrong in me being so anxious for the world but
I declare to you that I want to make something in the
World while I am young and in the vigor of youth - the Land
sales comes on soon and I am afraid that I shall ~~miss~~ ^{miss}
it - I wish you would write to me let me know ~~know~~ what
you could do in this subject I would be glad that
you could arrange it some way to make the matter
come round ~~about~~ - I suppose that there are plenty of
people that would be glad to take an interest in this
speculation but I don't calculate to let every fackup

have every thing to do with it - If I must give every
person a share in it I would prefer you - however you
can deliberate on the matter given me the answer; and if you
conclude I will be in this fall as soon as I can get off
that is if my practice will admit of it - I hear a from
Riley Stran he is on head river in Illinois so says the
letter that Richard Deakin ^{has} got from some of them - I have
been up to Uncle Josephs Huffs and spent a week very
pleasantly Aunt Hamner is a very cleaner Woman - she is
a real Sunday (a big ~~one~~) but they are rearing their children
like heathens more than every thing else, they are
destitute of that refinement that characterizes good and well
bred society - I suppose that Aunt Hamner still in the
evening before going to bed a scrub her teeth with the
brush and muffle I would be glad to see you all
wont more - I wish that you would pick
me out a rich hanson intelligent and virtuous
wife and I will put on my best dress and come
and see her - I could make more money if
I had a woman you know, in the practice of ~~obstetrics~~ ^{the} ~~obstetrics~~
though I have had some thing considerable in that line
and have become popular but the ~~men~~ ^{men} says that
I must get a wife and I tell them that I will do
my best (I am not jesting in this matter) ~~(For so they~~

I have the honour to remain yours most obsequious
Res. James W. Lindley J. R. S. G. M. D. W. M. Lindley