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Rev. J. D. Finley
Columbus Ohio

Mechanisms 0 }
May 12

Ans'd
May 1844
J. D. Finley

Mechanisms. Chem. Co. Ohio May 11

Dear uncle
It has been a great while since I have had the pleasure of hearing from you and as it allways affords me great pleasure to hear from a friend I have adopted the pleasant method of inviting you to bestow a leisure moment in writing to an unworthy Nephew

first I would say that I am truly happy to inform you that Father's family with myself are enjoying tolerable health except Father and he is fast failing both physically & mentally and particularly the latter and when I speak of that part of man the destruction of that part of man which distinguishes him from other organized animate matter it awakens the deepest feeling of sympathy for the unfortunate sufferer destroy the powers of the mind and life becomes a burden not withstanding I am the son of the unfortunate sufferer & notwithstanding all the disadvantages and ~~and~~ circumstances by which I have been surrounded I am happy to say that I have as yet been able to supply the returning wants of an almost destitute family by the labor of my own hands it is a heavy burden which I must bear a long but shall do it without complaint I make this statement not for the purpose of arousing your sympathy for I am at once convinced that it already embraces every object of suffering but I make the statement that you may know the situation of a brother & his family as no doubt you would like to hear

I would just say that the prospect for good crops here is very flattering at present particular for wheat & rye general health is very good yet there are some few cases of doubt M. C. Nor is very low and his recovery is thought very doubtful he was unwell for a good part of the winter & a few weeks ago was taken with the Bronchitis.

I expect to start on a visit to Mr Brooks with one of my sisters - day after to morrow

I will close my short epistle
all from in sending their love to you
and should be happy to have you pay me
a visit if you can this summer--

Yours with Respect F. A. Finley
To the Rev. J. B. Finley

Please write soon