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Cincinnati March 6th 1841.
Saturday

My Dear Brother.

Your letter of the - ult. announcing Mr. Pierce, was duly received; and yesterday, the gentleman made his appearance, and delivered your letter of introduction, and the \$250 sent by him, to be applied to the pay^t. of the note in the Franklin Bank. Mr. Jos. Clark called, before Mr. P. had left my office, and paid me forty dollars for the use of Jas. Key. Three or four days before, Markle brought me \$123. from Mrs. Wilson - so you see that "it never rains but it pours" - as I have in about ten days received, to be applied to your debts, the sum of four hundred, and thirteen dollars. I will therefore be able not only to lift the F. B. note, but to pay of Jimmy Johnston, and several other small claims.

I took Pierce home to dinner, which was all the attention his short stay permitted me to pay him. He left for Oxford the same afternoon (yesterday - Friday 5th inst.) - I would have given

him letters to Oseford, but that it would
have been "carrying coals to New Castle"
as you had already so well supplied him.
As I went home to dinner, I found at the
Post Office Sister's letter of the 25th ult. to
Elizabeth. How much I was gratified
in reception she will express in her reply.

Daniel has been — (for the first time) — sick,
for ten days past. A violent cold, and cough
attended with high fever has been the only ap-
parent malady. He has lost his bloom and
vivacity entirely, and a great deal of his flesh.
He is fretful, refuses to walk, and will not
be amused by any thing. Elizabeth also has
been suffering with a severe cold.

The Dr. started from Louisville on the 3^d inst.
for St. Louis, where he will spend a few nights
with Charles, and then return to Cincinnati,
where he expects to spend the summer. If, how-
ever, Uncle B. should not survive the opening
of the Spring — which is most probable — he may pros-
ecute his medical travels, so long as contemplation

We are hourly expecting Scho, and Master Ben. Campbell's arrival in Cincinnati, to spend a month.

Charley Telford made his debut last week and acquitted himself to the satisfaction of friends. He cannot fail to succeed, if he only "holds on." His second speech was honored by the attendance of from 15 to 20 ladies of the city - the very élite - a thing heretofore unknown in these parts.

My health continues good, and my business is not declining. But the existing scarcity of money renders it very difficult to live in a place like Cin; where money is needed every day - and for all purposes.

I expect to leave the house which I occupy at present, as soon as I can find one which will suit me better - for as small or less rent. Our present domicile is a most miserable den, and I cannot think of spending another summer in it.

Dun and Mitchel have had an open quarrel. The Captain Professor so far forgot what was due to decency and D's profession, as to threaten to kick him out of the room - at a Faculty meeting. Coram Pres't Biggs. "Ah!" said D. "that's a game

at which two can play - so the sooner you try it
the better! Whereupon the Capt. walloff. Their intercourse
has of course entirely ceased. Drury desires me to say to
you, with his kind regards, that he is in such a quandary
that he can hardly decide what course to pursue, but
that he will write you shortly.

Telford desires to be respectfully remembered to you
and your family.

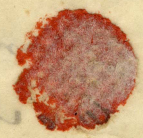
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March 10th 1874
Cincinnati



Give my love to sister and the children.
Your brother Alfred