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Hagerstown March 31st 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
safeley and thank his thrice Holy Name
for all his benefits, and for that care that
has been made manifested 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 there contract and it will
be some time before they will be able to settle
up there 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 Post Master,
wishes to engage with me, and one house will

Hagerstown
March 31st

Wm. H. D. Miller

Recd^d

(Postmaster George Debolt
Corner of Main & Main St.)

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 agreed 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 Middle of Council there is
softy, my health is good and I cant be
idle as that is contrary to my nature.

As to posting I shall rent my shop and
do nothing sat 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 cant
take us to the pike very well and now
I thought I would not go till I got
an answer from you.

Catharine 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