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Providence Nch. 11, 1872

My Dear Son, feeling this morning
that you must need a little money
to pay your board, I will herein
enclose thirty ^{five} dollars in currency, you
say to your Ma in your last that you
have some Books to get, the amt sent
will pay your board & leave you the
amt you say the Books will cost &
pay your Wash Bill -

We are all pretty well ~~only~~ have
had Colds, your Ma has had a bad
time of it for the greater part of two
months past, a very bad cold which
has caused much pain, but she is
much better now, still has pain on
side, tho she goes all about house.

There has been a good deal of
Pneumonia about here, Willie
Blackman died on last Friday
night of it, his family in great dis-
ress. Capt Pitcher took his remains to
New Orleans - George Smith is still
very low. Col Young, Nephew died
last week & niece very sick -

We are all about here progressing
about as usual in the Spring with
our work for a new crop. Many
people however are backward. We
are quite well advanced, are ready
to plant our corn, but fear it is too
soon. The River is still low &
lower than any person recollects.

Navigation is now open to all ports
above & you may send your letters
by mail - We were very much
pleased on receipt of your last
letter, to read the encouraged spirit

you manifested therein, perseverance,
that is the spring, which will bring any
'Compo, mind into a brilliant existence -

I have only intended to send
you the money this morning and
not to write long, as I only stop
to do this on my way to the mail,
therefore you will not look for
any big things. I know you
ma keep you well posted as to
the occurrences of neighborhood
& it would be folly for me to restate
them - You may know comes up
and say give Fritz a word full of
his love, and so with hens you
may have a big pile of your Pa,

Affectionately Yours

Father
S. P. D. D.