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My Dear Friend

your good news of the 12th a week ago today & today the account Surely we are progressing I am quite sure this is the amount the Clerk told me the day I got the draft The other was the one Mr Parnell gave the man I sent there I think I wrote you the particulars of the case but no matter about that now I say him & we can give him the credit he deserves for his benevolence in regard to the Colored I told him it was for their benefit the money would be used

Since I wrote you a colored girl has been to see me She lives in the country She said Mr Parmele done all the business for the most of the Colored folks who lived in town I told her I should think their Minister could do that for them She said he would if they would let him But Mr Parmele was all in all with them. He holds the mortgage on their Church property I presume they pay in as they can & he tells them its all right I think Mr P ventures out farther since Wortz is with him The way they manage reminds me of two little Boys who lived in part of my house their Father was a Minister Alfred 5 & Willie 3 years old soon as the grapes began to ripen they were eating so many their parents feard it would make them sick & told them if they picked any more they wouldent go to Heaven one day a man was pasing by near them Alfred said to him Willie wont go to heaven see he is picking the grapes & pa pa told us if we picked any more we ~~we~~ wouldent go to heaven well said the man what are you doing There he set eating them He had sent his little Brother to pick them & he was keeping his chance good for the good place, & eating them

We have had but little snow
& but few real cold days
There has been an unusual
ammount of sickness
& a number of deaths
just now we are having
a perfect epidemic of
measels & gripp combined
I have not got any money &
if I had I would not send it
to Mr Parmele I am sorry to
be taking so much of your
time and hope this will be the
last trouble I shall have to make you
Dear Love to you & yours
Yours truly E A Burnett