

Monticello Dec. 21. 1852.

Dear Bro: Mims

I received your favor upon my arrival at this place - last Tuesday week, and have been expecting to write from day to day without as yet fulfilling my purpose. The truth is I have been something of an invalid ever since I have been here - and have felt that sort of aversion to exertion of any kind which one feels who is half-sick. During my stay in Charleston I fell into the Doctor's hands with influenza. He remarked that if the case had occurred last summer, it would have been pronounced 'Broke-bone-Fever'. On my way from Columbia hither I renewed my cold - and have suffered more or less from the effect of it ever since - cough - sore throat and stiffness. Last evening my throat ached me in attempting to lead in family worship. The very damp weather we have had, no doubt, has tended to make me suffer more. I have been kept shut up in the house most of the time.

I was truly sorry to learn that you had another case in your family of

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that terrible fever. I hope however that
before this time little Johnny is convalescent.
It is indeed a sort trial of a parent's feelings
to witness the sufferings of their little ones,
and such occasions often make us most depen-
dent on our need of the supports of Divine
grace. - I was truly grieved to learn the state
of Mr. Mauldin's mind. I had supposed he
was gradually getting better, and was surpri-
sed as well as grieved to learn that his mind
was in so shattered a state. What an affliction
to his family!

As yet I have been able to accomplish
my business here only in part. Indeed I
have a good deal yet to do. The Fairfield Church
have requested me to pay up my bond (\$1700).
Cartledge wants the use of the money in order
to purchase Shirley's place, and this throws
upon ^{me} a difficulty in the matter of ways &
means which I have to meet. Whether I can
succeed in borrowing - or shall have to sell
some negroes is yet uncertain. - Failure in
crops the last two years, and a very moderate
one this year have crippled me a good deal
in money matters.

From the notices which have been given to
the public - our exercises will of course not
begin before February - I now think I
shall make another visit to Charleston
before I go out to Greenville. I did not
see my brother Charles during my stay in
the city - and this is one reason why I am
anxious to make another visit.

Remember ^{me} affectionately to sister Sarah
and the children - and believe Yrs

With most sincere regards

Rev. Prof. Mims

James C. Freeman