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Col. Pitchlynn,

Dear ~~brother~~,

I do not think I improve any at all. Last night I wiped my fever and rested pretty well. My bowels is not good, on account of which I cannot eat so as to make any blood in my system to improve in my strength. We came over here to be out of the bustle of a large city, and ever since we been here, during day, I have felt quite comfortable— but have had fever just at night. My wife had fever the first night we got here, but she is now well. My strength is so little that a least exertion gives me fever.

I am in debt, One hundred and ten dollars at Memphis. I was sick 36 days. I was closely confined in bed 27 days. There are four of us in company and all of us were sick. Little sister & myself had measles— wife & baby, fever & bowel complaint.

My dear brother, ~~unintentionally~~, I have not a least doubt, you have made me a subject of hard feelings, I fear, of my much esteemed friend & brother, Col. P. Holson— in that you wrote to him to send his boy along ~~by~~ with me

to Washington City to be placed in a school. I could not take the boy along with me without unblushingly violating the laws, which plainly says "qualified to enter college". Now it would take that boy four years at least to be qualified to enter college. He is not even prepared to enter college as irregular student - even if he was prepared to take irregular course in college, he is too young to understand any thing. If he was prepared to take English course in college and old enough to ~~read~~ understand his text books, I would have been glad to have taken him along with me. There is no one in Washington <sup>DC</sup> who has a warmer regard and affection for Col. Holcom than I am. I am no bigot no sectarian - if I can do good for any and all I would do it. I am no party man, and that you know.

I want to ask a favor in behalf of a young man I have in a school. His name is James Riley. He was citizen of your district for a short time. He is 26 years old. One of the students of Spencer Academy. By election, he was a County Judge ~~of~~ County in which I live. Under Col. ~~W~~ Curtains administration, he ~~was~~ appointed to fill my place in the General Council, but I got home just in time to occupy my seat. By Election, he was ~~the~~ District Attorney when I sent him to school.

He is lawyer by profession. In three weeks  
the present term of the school where he is will  
close. He understands English correctly. He is in  
the preparatory school in connection with  
the Mississippi University. First week in August,  
he will enter the University to take English course.  
Judge Longstreet, the President, told me there will  
be no difficulty of his entering next August.  
I have thought of educating him unaided, unless  
some one would voluntarily come to my assistance,  
but I am as poor as I can be - will continue  
to hold out until we get our services paid us.

And I want you, if you please, to send me, out  
of the college fund, two hundred dollars for  
him. Morholtobba D.S. has no one expending  
college fund - and if you say so, as soon  
as I have two hundred dollars to spare, I will  
return the amount with 5 per cent interest. Once

More: I have two girls (Young ladies) in Mississippi,  
in regular college class - their schooling will close  
1st week in July & will return home with us when  
we go home: And as the church has been so kind  
as to undergo heavy expenses in educating these  
ladies, Choctaw Nation can afford to bear their expenses

home - you will therefore, please to send <sup>out of the college fund</sup> \$93.00 -  
\$46.50 cts a piece for their travelling expense. You know  
I am poor and not able to pay their expenses. They are in Miss.  
so it will take more than \$93.00 but I counted from Memphis  
to Fort Smith - and they live fifty miles from Fort Smith - if you

think \$50.00 a piece won't hurt, it would be  
very acceptable.

And now my dear brother, I think the above  
requests ~~I think~~ are very reasonable.  
O! I wish I could see, look like I  
have many things to consult with you  
about — I may yet be with <sup>you</sup> this summer.  
It has taken me hours to pen the above  
lines write me to Somerville,  
Tenn.

This is the home of Tennessee Lewis & Man-  
Rivers. I am your brother Truly Fraternally  
D. S. Lewis

You will understand me that ~~I have~~  
paid for James Riley's expenses up  
to last Saturday night.

Whenever Mr. Sebastian presents his  
report and before the Senate — would  
me frequently —