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Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the above mentioned matter. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend to the business of your office at the present time. I will endeavor to do all in my power to expedite the same as soon as possible.

Dec 28 - 1843

John W. Richards

Yours very truly
John W. Richards

J. W. Richards

Wm. W. Richards

John W. Richards



Received of the Treasury Department the sum of \$100.00 for the purchase of land in the State of California. The receipt is hereby acknowledged.

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Lancaster Pa Dec 28-1843

Dear Sirs

I am as well as usual, So are the rest of the family your Grand Mother that has since with me most Sympathy is an active Co-Operator has not walked a step since the 7th Octob^r it is a great affliction - his mind, understanding and memory are gone. My burden is a heavy one - the Lord only is my help in my trouble is in God - I have some of this world's goods my lot is a hard one and God only knows what it may be - the will of the Lord be done

Moreover, I was sorry to hear of your loss by ~~death~~ but the comfort is the Lord's and the fullest thereof, let us be resigned to the providences of God and all things will go down

I hope you are not living in that having Christ formed in you the hope of glory is your foundation and made to be firm ground for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and I for one believe the second coming of Christ is near at hand, I find the promises are all fulfilled, I find the history of our world is more out, the signs preceding the coming of Christ have all appeared, yet - wicked men do and will cavil, the Lord never did nor never will give a sign that wicked men cannot cavil with

Moreover, you have a praying father, praying sisters, and a praying brother and our prayers are that you may be prepared to meet us in that happy land where parting will be no more, may God account it for his great mercies sake Amen

Affectionately yours
Nath. Richards