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Meadville Feb^y 4th

Rev^d E Y Buchanan

Dear Friend

Mary wished me to request you to release the Mortgage which her uncle held against her house, as she thinks of selling it. She has had to borrow six or seven hundred dollars & will have to borrow more. She has been economical but previous debts together with the support of her family; [sic]without any income, made this imperative. I was opposed to her selling if she could have avoided it but she thinks best, as it would enable her to live where she might choose & to enable her to pay her debts.

Mary has to pay twelve per cent interest & this being out of the bank is to be renewed every sixty days & interest in advance maks [sic] about fourteen percent.

I suppose she cannot expect any thing from her uncle James estate within the time that he law gives them the use of the money.

Your brother never charged Mary any interest on the Mortgage & I suppose never would, but that would not show on the records only in his letters which she has. I hope you will visit us this spring coming, when you will better understand Mary's situation.

Yours most truly

C. M. Yates

To Rev^d E. Y. Buchanan

