John B McLaurine
Capt Wallace
Mr
Mechlenburg
Brewster Mass

Revd Dear Sir October 29th 1837

I received your letter dated 19th June but as my appointments were made before I got it, and nearly all of them for the Coloured People I had not an opportunity (or at least a suitable one) to make the collection at or about the time you ~~spoke of~~ wrot of, and soon after I went to Ohio and did not return until september; but as soon as I could ~~could~~ consistently I made the collection but with but little success, but the reason why this was the case I believe to be this - we are destitute of a church in this neighbourhood and to build one an effort has been made to raise money for that purpose, and this has gleaned them of all they could posibly spare, this they told me was the case, and not the want of a disposition, I collected but forty two and a half cents, I heree send fifty cents enclosed in this letter which is the best I can do at present. Your unworthy servant

Joseph O Fowler

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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