Washington Davies County, Indiana
Jany 14th 1839 –

Dear Sir,

The Sun has risen and set many times since last I saw you, and the Wheels of time have rolled us, nearer to that Eternal Home, which we all hope, happily to Inherit; a new year has arrived, which, when we look upon it, (and reflect,) shews more forcibly that the day, is fast approaching, when we who now inhabit this globe, must be numbered among those who have gone before us –

My Dear Sir, I feel and have always felt a Friendship for you, and ever shall, though, it has been my fate, to move in an humbler sphere, in early life, Turned out from a Parent, into the cold and stormy world without Friends and without Money and alas; without experience. I found my self with you, who indeed acted the part of a worthy Patron to me. Since that day, my life has been up hills & mountains, down valleys, & ravines, and at length finds me in Indiana –

I came to this State four years ago last Fall, I purchased here, a piece of Property adjoining Town with a Mill and Distillery on it

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