

Fort Wayne Jan. 12th 1859

Very Res. Father,

It is very seldom I remain at home, even for one day, now; I am constantly going and collecting for the grand church we intend to build this year. You should not then blame me so much when I do not correspond as promptly as I would do otherwise, I wanted to give \$179 - to father Kilroy for your establishment; but he would not take them. William B. Deering Esq^r Sheriff of this place gave me \$69 - & John Curt \$30 - You may draw on me for the same as soon as you please, and I will pay you \$100 - I wish I could pay more now; but I have no more, as soon as I will obtain other means, I shall not forget you. Draw then on me for \$179 - and the draft will be paid when presented.

I have spoken to our bankers for the loan of \$2000 — you stand in need of; but they are deaf to such appeals; they have not funds sufficient to satisfy the demands of the produce buyers of this place. I know only one private man that could lend such a sum; but the man would not lend a cent to his own brother and father. You must look out to some other direction. I understand that money is plenty in the eastern cities. You have friends and acquaintances in New York and Philadelphia, they might come to the rescue and supply your wants.

I have great news; but I have no time to write them; and it would be hardly safe to commit them to the paper.

I return your compliments of New Year and remain your devoted friend,
P. Benoit.