

May 18 1846

Dear Mr Mitchell

As per balance final draft on Phoenix
Bank New York for \$600. With which to pay my former
draft on you for this amt, ^{at 4 m. 10.} due 26/29 of this month.
This gives three days to reach you in before due. Which I hope
will arrive in time. I have also drawn on you for \$500
from this date 4 mos. with which to help make up the above
amount, I should not have done this at this time but for
the reason that I have been paying up my opening dues
in which come also having to pay out large amounts
for freight for goods arriving this spring and pay cash
for bond & c which together amounts a good deal of
money. Business has revived very considerably for the past
month. The crops look promising for the coming summer.

The New York Contributions Co, the one for which
I was Agent have suspended business and I have closed
up and had cancelled all of their policies outstanding
at this place and return the last one to them by 4 days
mail. This agency is worth some \$50. net to myself. and
if you know of another good and respectable company that

Would like to establish an agency here I should be glad
to have your recommendation sent to their notice. This Company
have earned through me at this place during two years some
\$800 and have not lost a single cent, and the business
has been done to their satisfaction.

We are now without a Clergyman, Mr. & related having
gone to Michigan in this state. Two of our best men have
also left us. Mr. Lyon for Miss Owsen, and Mr. Keister for
Lawrenceburg, which leaves us in quite a lonely state, as they
were both very active men in the cause of this Church.
I have written to Rev. Mr. Haeger to have him look out
for us another Clergyman. Rev. Mr. Jones is also interested
in our behalf. Will you be good enough to him the same
thing in view. We want none but the most promising
in the ministry for only such can succeed.

We are now in a fair way to have a Church. Within the month
past I have obtained a subscription of about \$1700 from our
citizens here for an Episcopal Church, and from 3 to 400 mem-

promised depending upon the part of the donor we locate it
in, I am not without hopes of raising the amount to
Twenty five hundred dollars, before August at which time
I leave for New York, while there I want to get the draft
and plan made out, this to be built of brick and in
the greatest order, we shall try to get the building enclosed this
fall and finished next spring, which will show us in
much better circumstances, and will offer more inducements
for a good Clergyman of the right stamp to come and make
his abode with us, Bishop Kemper is expected here on
Sunday next, All Well

Yours Respectfully

Chas. W. Bailey

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take up certificate of \$1000

accepted for the 1000 \$1000

Am. Bank

L. J. Rogers & Co.

John W. Mitchell Esq.

