

St. Clairsville July 5th 1809

Dear Uncle

I expected to have been over at your house before this time but have been very unwell for eight or ten days past that I was not able to ride. I think I am getting some better, I received letters from Rockbridge some time past stating that there was some money there for me of the rent of the old place, and as I am now in a strait for some money to fulfill some contracts that I had made, ~~and~~ the scarcity of money and the slackness of ~~business~~ has put it out of my power to fulfill as I had contracted, my intention is to know whether you could with convenience advance me 60 or 70 dollars and wait until you go to Rockbridge for it, as I have intended sending with you for it, you will please write me by Mr. Paul and if you can oblige me I will try and go over, I wish to know when you ~~go~~ ^{intend} to start over the mountains that I may write to Joseph to be prepared with as much as he can have collected from the tenants.

I am Dear Sir yours &c

James Clayton