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Dear Sister Becca

I received a letter  
from brother William <sup>^this morning</sup> praying  
for Godsake to send him  
enough money to bring him  
home as he has been laid  
up for the last 6 months  
with swamp fever at some  
place in Louisiana. Now  
dear sister I write to see if  
you can help me in this matter  
and as it must be done right  
away I hope if you can spare  
anything you will send it to  
me right away as I want to send  
him ~~rel~~ relief as soon as possible  
as I should say from the tenure  
of his letter that he is in ---

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Now dear sister I will spare  
all I can afford to help him  
out of it and I am sure  
you will help him all you  
can. I could not help crying  
like a child when I read  
his letter & I am sure you  
would do the same.  
I would mail the letter to you  
but I have sent it to Charles  
and will mail it when I  
get it back but for Godsake  
dear sister send me something  
to help get him home in the

meantime as I know from his  
letter that he is in distress ---  
I will try and get Charles  
to go out for him if we can  
raise the means ---

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Willie Manuel has promised  
to give \$5.00 and Johnny DeWitt  
\$5.00 and I will give \$20  
and I hope dear sister you  
will do all you can to assist  
me in this work as I am  
afraid he will die there if  
we don't do something to help  
him hoping to hear from  
    you next mail & that  
    you and children are  
    all well with much love  
    I remain every your affet  
    Brother John DeWitt

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from Brother William <sup>it's my opinion</sup> saying  
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Brother John Dewitt