Mountain Valley, Va. (Near Harrisonburg.) Jan. 5 - 1858.

Dear Sir:

We are anxious to know whether you have received the box of books which we sent you in September. We have been unfortunate in forwarding books to the western Counties since the Rail Road has been in operation. Several boxes which we forwarded to Staunton, are now missing, which we cannot find: and as we were searching for them, some time ago, we found yours, yet in Staunton, which ought to have reached you ere that time: we then sent it on to you and paid the freight to the terminus: which we hope you have received some time ago: but still we would like to hear of you whether you have certainly received it; as we are anxious that you always have a supply of our Harmonia Sacra on hand. Please let us hear from you at an early day.

Very respectfully & truly Yrs.

Joseph Funk & Sons.

Mr. James Berry.

Mountain Valley Va. (Near Harrisonburg.) Jan. 11 – 1860.

Dear Sir:

We received per Mail, by letter from Mr. J. G. Alderson, in draught on Staunton Bank for $31.35 as a credit on you book account, and to which it is entered in our book. He also tells us to send on another box of 4 doz. Harmonia Sacra, which we forwarded yesterday with 4 4/12 doz. — He also informs us in his letter, that you wish us to send you a statement how many books you owe us for. This statement we will give as follows:

On the 5th. of Nov. 1858, we wrote you, that there was $78.50 due us, from which, however, you had some deduction to make for freight you paid. You then wrote us, that you could not ascertain the amount of freight you paid, and asked us whether we would be willing to reduce it to $68. which we thought was rather to much reduced, as we always have to pay the freight to Staunton, but told you in our next we would reduce it to $70.00 which you in your next letter agreed to: though you made mention of a smaller error in our letters, amounting to .88⅓ cts. We doubt not your statement of this error is correct, but how the error came to be made we know not. Now you will recollect that you received a box of Harmonia Sacra, Ninth Edition, containing 4 doz: this box of books was sent a few days after we wrote you the letter which contained the sum

we wrote you of $78.50: and consequently was not included in that amount: but begins a new account: this box was started from here on Nov. 9-1858, and you acknowledged the reception of it in your letter of Jan. 22-1859: in which letter you sent us a check on Valley Bank of of Staunton for $20.- Next you sent us March 5th. 1859. a check on Staunton Bank for $40.- and again a draught By I. G. Alderson Decr. 5th. for $10., which balanced the $70.-

Now in your letter of March 5th, when you sent us the check of $40., you ordered 3 or 4 doz. of Hor. Sacra, which were sent on to you on the 24th day of March 1859: 4 dozen. Since then there were no books sent you save those you ordered by I. G. Alderson, Decr. 5-1859, 4 doz. & Decr. 28-4 doz. which were sent on yesterday.

We now commence a new account with the Ninth Edition as follows:

James Curry Dr. in account with Joseph Funk & Sons.

Nov. 9-1858. To 4 doz. Lap. Hor. Sacra Ninth Ed. at $8. pr doz. $32.	
March 24-1859. To 4 doz. do. " = 32.	
Decr. 21-1859. To 4 doz. do. " " = 32.	
Jan. 10-1860. To $4\frac{4}{12}$ doz. do. " = $34.66\frac{2}{3}$	
Freight to Staunton for 4 boxes of books = = 2.75	
4 boxes, at 25. cts. pr box . . . 1.00	

James Curry Cr.

Decr. 28-1859 By Draught on Staunton bank pr I. G. Alderson for	$31.35
By error according to your letters . . .	$0.88\frac{1}{3}$

Above we give you Statement of books as stated in our book;

as also of the freigh to Staunton, & boxes, for which we have to pay the cash invariably: What they will cost from Staunton to Lewisburg, we know not: but they have raised the freight from Harrisonburg to Staunton: the first box above, the charged only .50 cts, and for the last three we had to pay .75 cts for each.

From the foregoing statement, you will, of course, perceive that, of the last 2 boxes of books, you are charged with, you have not yet received the one - perhaps neither - and the first box mentioned you have ~~have~~ a credit for, within a fraction: consequently you are only the amount of the one box which we sent you last March, behind in payment, and the remittance of which we do not now urge, save at your convenience. We will be pleased to hear what the books will cost you from Staunton to Lewisburg. — We understood you to take the books at our office at $8. in preference of having them delivered at $8.50 — consequently we now charged them at $8. per doz., and charge the boxes, and the freight to Staunton as you see above.

With this letter we send you the January No. of our Musical Advocate. We regret you did not receive the 4 No's we sent you before: though you may have received them since Mr. Anderson wrote.

The reason why we give your place of residence Monroe, in stead of Greenbrier, proceeds from the fact, that Nicholls Mills, your P. O. address, is Monroe Co. We will, however, be more careful to give it Greenbrier in our next Edition, which we are now about to commence.

Please let us hear of you on the reception of the boxes of books now on the way, or any time at your earliest convenience, and inform us whether the No's of the Mus. Ad. have not yet reached you; and also of the safe arrival of the books: and should you find any incorrectness in the statement of our account, please let us know: for it is our desire that all be correct.

Very truly & respectfully Yrs.
Joseph Funk & Sons.

Mr. James Curry.

P. S. There are a few Mus. Maps, and some copies of Stumm's Pref. yet with you not noticed above.

J. F. & S.