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Letter from Harriet Stubbs to Mrs. J.B. Finley

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Richland August 11, 1822

Dear friend

It is late in the evening the family have retired to rest, but not feeling an inclination to sleep, I devote myself to the pleasing amusement of writing to you.

I have heard of your affliction my dear friend I feel like sharing your sorrows and earnestly wish I could be with you in I am not as sensible of your sufferings as if I were with you, but fancy paints them in lively colours. Adversity my dear friend is common to mortals; each one possesses a share of the misfortunes as well as the pleasures of life daily observation as well as experience teach us that perfect happiness is not to be found on earth; though our sorrows are multiplied, and afflictions await us on every side. Oh let us reflect that the goodness of God is equal to his power and feel satisfied that what ever trials he may appoint for us he will afford us his gracious assistance to endure them. Though the dark clouds of adversity may for a while surround you; Oh sister Findley indulge the pleasing hope that you may again be blessed with the cheering smiles of your friends, and with health and happiness.

Your daughter and her little son are both well. James frequently talks about his grandparents; grows finely and is a great deal of company for his mother, Cynthia and Thomas are well brother Brook is not at home, your afflicted brother; William Findley is dead I have not heard the particulars of his death only that it was occasioned by an inflammation in the brain doctor Faylar's little son died last week with the same

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Richland Ohio
August 16

Mrs Hannah Findley
care of the Rev'd Upper Sandusky
James B Findley Ohio

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Upper Sandusky
Brother in Law to
James B Findley

Private
Miss Margaret Stubbs

complaint. I feel anxiously concerned for my sister, her health appears daily to decline, she has been for some weeks scarcely able to sit up with a pain in her breast and shoulder and has considerable cough, I fear that God in his providence is soon about to call me to endure a great trial but I will try to be resigned. Mr M Dean started on the circuit this morning and took sister with him thinking the ride might be of service to her.

and I am again left housekeeper for four or five weeks. If I could be spared at home I should like very much to visit you; Was Lydia forgotten me, or does the pleasing employment she is engaged in occupy her mind too incessantly to permit her to devote an hour to friendships; a letter from her would be truly gratifying tell her she must write to me and let me know how she is getting along with her little charge. I should be much pleased could I see the girls once more; especially Eliza and Maria but till then I hope they will be good children, children of God. religion is the best thing ^{they can} love. give my love to them and tell them I hope they will be obedient to Lydia and try to improve while under her care.

~~When I was a child~~ I have retraced scenes at Sandusky when I rambled along its banks and felt free from the cares and anxieties which now perplex me. often before I heard you were sick my imagination has carried me to Sandusky and seated me with you and Lydia on the sloping bank below the house, and after conversing with you a while we have gone to the house there I saw Jane knocking around as usual and

big tree with his pipe and bear skin ^{with brother Findley} by his side; conversing with as much ease and dignity as though he were president of the United States. It is growing late but I cannot conclude without first thanking you and brother Findley for the tenderness and affection with which you treated me while under your care.

I can never repay your goodness; All I can do is to retain it in grateful remembrance remember me to brother G. tell him that sister laughed when she heard he was going to locate, she fears there is no such good news for you. remember me to all the family and give my love to sister Lewis. please

tell Mrs Shaw that Mrs Lathrop and I are well. I feel inclined to dullness ^{and} bid you adieu and retire to rest. may every blessing temporal and spiritual attend you. and may you at last meet in a happier world than this

your affectionate

friend Harriet Stubbly

So tell Jane the things she sent for I have got but the time of her return is drawing so near I shall not send them out unless she wishes it