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## Letter from David McMasters to James B. Finley

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At Pleasant 28<sup>th</sup> March. 1823

Respected Friend & Brother;... we are all as yet a  
live. but as for my self my health is not good  
& the probability is it never will be. I hope this  
may find you & yours all in good health---

Religion is at a stand in this country. but little pro-  
spect of a revival. yet our preachers offer in the  
spirit of the work. Brother waterman is writing in  
the spirit of it is using every means to effect a  
reformation. I hope we shall yet see better times

Mr David S. Evans proposes to purchase your  
property here. if he will give 450 Dollars for it  
100 Dls. in hand & the Balance in annual payments  
that is \$100 yearly, & pay interest for the balance  
untill he pays off. And for you to hold the

property as security untill the debt is all paid  
we have not as yet got any thing from Betsey Pool for  
rent. Mr Evans has not as yet paid for his rent—  
you will please to let us know what you think  
we had better do with the property. I question  
if ever you will be able to get more than \$4.50  
for it unless property should rise in value—

you will please to let me know what prospect  
there is of my obtaining my money from Lebanon  
Bank. I really stand in much need of it. I am  
almost unable to labour therefore must hire  
my work done & that cannot be done without  
money. if the cannot nor will not pay it. I want  
you to do what you think will be best  
either loan it to some person who owes the  
Bank & will make the debt secure or

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My self James  
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James B. Finley  
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~~otherwise~~ <sup>purchase</sup> if any of you was coming up. if you  
could <sup>with it</sup> a good saddle Horse I could turn  
him into money <sup>which</sup> ~~would~~ be better than to let  
it lay in the way it is. If I knew they <sup>would</sup> ~~would~~  
it in twelve months from now I would be  
willing to let it lay. I shall just leave it  
your judgment to do what you think best

Anna send her best to sister Fanny Mr & sister  
Brook Mr & sister withrow send their best wishes  
to you all pray for me. I am not able to  
Preach but very little. but I want to expect  
to get to Heaven through grace at last

I remain your affection Friend & Brother  
J. B. Fennell  
David W. Thaxter