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Letter from Socrates Adams to James B. Finley

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So crates Adams

Wm & James B. Finley

Dear Sir I have not the pleasure of a
personal acquaintance with you and my only apology for addressing
you is the importance of the information I wish to derive and your acquain-
tance my relations in this acquaintance and your known benevolent
disposition I predicate a hope that you will give me such inform-
ation as you will directly see I stand in need of, I have studied
Physic and am now endeavouring through my own and my father's
friends to find the most advantageous situation for a Physician
to settle, as the place where I shall settle will be most probably
for life you will at once see the propriety of an extensive enquiry
and of using the utmost caution by consulting men of knowledge and
practical experience in making a choice which must from its nature
affect my future wellfare now Sir from your extensive knowledge
of indeed almost every Eastern and Western State you are better
Capacitated to direct me than almost any other person too
you then as being my father's friend I appeal with confidence
and humbly request that you will be so good as to inform me
so soon as convenient for I wish to settle early this fall of any place
that you may deem as presenting the greatest inducements to a
young Physician - I am indifferent in what section of the
Country it may be Ohio Indiana Ky Tenn or Missouri

any of them will do the particular advantage that any
place may present, will always be considered by me and do great
Confidence do I place in your Superior Judgment that I pro-
directed I will proceed to the place that you may direct or
recommend without a preparatory visit to it and which shall
ever be remembered with the liveliest sense of gratitude —

My Father's Family are all well and wish to be remembered
to you —

Yr Obedt Servt & friend
Wm Mather

Beacon Town Apr 23 1782

Socrates Adams

N.B. direct to this place —

Adams