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a large congregation to preach to - we would
have preferred Brother Bascom - we give you
this in confidence and do not wish Brother
McMahan to know any thing about it - he
is too good a man to be hurt in his feelings
on any account

Give My Respects to Sister Finley I do wish
that when you came to this place you bring her
with you My Wife father Lucas & his wife
Mr & Mrs Lucas & his wife send their love to her -
My health is bad - and my paper too limited
to write more than to assure you that in love to
you and your wife I remain your Brother
A. Sutherland

Rev. James B. Finley -
At William House - New York
Ohio
Laudusky



At New York
July 1823

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Sturteville July the 14th 1823

Dr Brother

Your friendly letter of the 19th of June last
came safe to hand and believe me when I tell you that
I was glad to receive it but sorry to learn that
you are apprehensive that you have again got an
attack of the fever - In relation to your account
with the Estate of Michael Johnston I can give you
no information that would be satisfactory - the note
on which you are inclosed is not yet paid Mr.
Woodey who is the active Administrator and who keeps
the books and makes all settlements - is of the opinion
that perhaps the Estate will be able to pay the
debts against ~~the Estate~~ it - but owing to the situation
of many of the accounts it will be some considerable
time before settlement can be made - The amount
against you in relation to these books is such as
to require your presence - and if it was possible
for you come yourself I have no doubt
but it could be settled to the satisfaction of all
concerned without any difficulty - I have made an
Enquiry of Doctor Stanton in relation to your
Money - I showed him your letter from which
he inferred that you must have made a
wrong calculation about the amount he applied
to your use and the balance in his
hand - he states that there is remaining
in his hand as he thinks about \$140 - that
he thinks John Watson Esqr ought to receive

about Seventy dollars of what is in his hands, that on account of this claim of Watson's seeing that Watson requested ^{him} to keep this money in his hands till you and him would settle - he the Doctor is very anxious that you would try and come in and adjust this matter

Our father Bernard Lucas is about to make application for carrying the mail on several routes from this town - There is also a number of Respectable applicants for the same route all of whom will be recommended as fit persons by the best men in this town - The old gentleman thinks that seeing each applicant will have the same Recommendation signed by the same subscribers - that it would be well for him to have influence from ^{an} other source than that mentioned - he says that he cannot think of any friend that could and would use their influence for him in this affair but yourself - And he requests you (by me) ~~in this way~~ to write to your old friend John McClain Esq^r who is now appointed Postmaster General - Recommending the old gentleman as a proper and fit person for the appointment of Mail carrier - and as the application and proposals has all to be in that the General Post Office department against Saturday the 20th day of September next - if you write to Mr McClain you ought write immediately on the receipt of this - it is probable that the old gentleman himself will go to the city - on which account he would be glad

that you would write to Mr McClain and inclose your letter in a letter directed to the old gentleman himself at this place so that if he goes down he can take your letter with him - and if he does not go himself he can send from this place

In Relation to the situation of this station we feel our duty to inform you how we ~~are~~ get along - we remain much as usual - a good attention to divine service and not a great stir - we have pretty large congregation and upon the whole some increase to our society - we have got an Excellent meeting house for which we are ~~in~~ better than ~~the~~ in debt - we think that if we had a single preacher who possessed talents that we could sink our debt and fence our burying ground in two years time - heretofore in our application for preachers we have applied to you and our Brother Jacob Young - and you have unannually refused us - we have nothing against Brother James Mc Mahan it whispered about that he wants an amount of his health which is precarious - ^{Brother} we have the adjoining circuit - he is very pious much of a gentleman and a Respectable preacher - the weakness of his voice makes him rather uninteresting but he does not possess animation sufficient to enlist the feelings of people - we would like very much to get Brother Bascum or Brother Dislin - we think that either of them seeing they are single men could be well accommodated here and as they are men of talents we have no doubt but that they would always