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## Letter from Hannah Barrett to James B. Finley

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Dear Br. Winley

Jan 14. 1824

Do not censure me with neglect for not writing to you before this. For I expected you were not yet home from Sagamu. I am this evening enjoying the Society of all my Brethren Samelly. I feel at a loss for language to express the gratitude which I feel to god for the return of my health. I believe if my health had this time is as good as god is it has been for years past. I never knew how to prize health until it was worth as well as I do now. I no it is before this or appears. I trust I shall be enabled to devote my whole heart to god and live more like a christian. For time to come than I have ever yet done.

Br. Winley your tenderness and affection to <sup>me</sup> me shall never be forgotten you and Sister Winley appears more like near relations to me than any other. I no that god will reward you both for your kindness to me O my dear Br. pray for your unworthy friend that she may live to the glory of god and at last find my way to heaven.

The next day after you left I went to my Brethren and lived there a week during my stay there one of my Brethren came out on a vessel and accompanied me home.



They were all too glad to show any thing like  
 anger indeed I was tickled to see how they  
 round to get me a good cup of tea I had not  
 bin home long before they began to entertain  
 me on the Subject of — I told them  
 I would tell them all about it before I went  
 back back - said that I trust you are never  
 going back to that wicked place to be killed  
 by the Indians - no said I they love me too  
 well to kill me ~~for to love me to~~ they said but  
 little to me after words for several days  
 then I told the girls and started to Brainerd  
 and they there almost 3 weeks I can not say  
 they are willing to it but they all say I  
 shall be married at home there objections are  
 you no what they say but little about it  
 I believe I have said all I have no more  
 only I would give you a pressing invitation  
 to come fulfil the promise you made concerning  
 your visit to this place do come you must  
 if you please and I will be your humble  
 servant give my love to Sister Kinley  
 and all the family and please to answer  
 this imperfect card as soon as you get it  
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Rev James B. Kinley Minnah Brainerd