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Letter from Jerry Dean to James B. Finley

Jerry Dean

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Detroit April 11th 1825

Dr. Brother

I have just heard of the two horses that were lost by Br. Brown & Francis Mielock. They were found up the river range about 50 miles above where they were left. They are now I am told at Elk Lake where they were left. I thought that I had better direct my letter to you as you probably would get my letter sooner than if I should direct it to Br. Brown. The horses I am told are in pretty good order.

Religion is rather low here in this place since you & Brother Hunter left here. The inhabitants in this Great City are not willing to put with every preacher and in short they are more inclined to find fault with Br. Lettee than follow his preaching. I mean those that do not belong to Society. And in fact the Society have not been much better since you left here. Two or three have been dropped & my Wife has withdrawn from Society for the present in consequence of not altogether agreeing with Br. Lettee. Br. Butler Storer by yet he has had a trial and is pretty much cleared by the Society but Br. Lettee seems not altogether satisfied. Our Congregations are comparatively small & I think that if you knew how mighty the people

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Rev. James P. Loring
Upper Sandusky
Ohio

Very Dear
Detroit
1825

prejudiced in your favor & the ascendancy
you have gained among the minds of the
inhabitants of this place and the consequent
advantage you have over most any other preacher
that you would try to come on and spend
one or two months with us before long.

I lately went round with a subscription
for Brother Potter but they seemed not
willing to contribute much for him but
would say that if kindly would come on
and preach here that they would give
something handsome & attend his preaching
& no other. It is concluded that there
will be a camp meeting in June in
Canada and we shall expect of course
that you will be here then.

We have not heard from Br. Hinton
since he left here. If you can make
it convenient to come & bring Mrs.
Finchley with you and stay a month
with us I will engage to make you as
comfortable as I can & without costing
you one cent. Come if you can is all
I can ask and trust that you feel for us
in this dark region of the Christian world.
I remain yours with the sincerest regard
give my respects to Br. Walter &
the rest of my acquaintance among the red
Brethren.

S. B. Finchley

Very Dear