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Letter from Josiah Hedges to James B. Finley

Josiah Hedges

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Tiffin 30th April 1825

The Revd James Finley

Dear Sir, Necessity has compelled me to purchase W Spencer out I had to do this or be tormented every day with a Law suit or abandon my Grist mill that cost \$4000, Altho it did not damage W Spencer's suit, I concluded it to be most prudent & to my advantage to purchase him out, he has from my situation compelled me to give from 1500 to 2000 Dollars more than I consider the property worth. Not with stand, I feel satisfied if W Spencer's title proves to be good & sufficient if the heirs of W Armstrong has any claim or ever intends to prosecute him upon the mortgage that once existed I would like it to be done immediately for my safety, so that

Dated 25th May 2^d

The Revd James Finley
Upper Chancery

Recd 1st Dec

it could be brought to a final issue
while I am in due W Spencer
for the property so that instead of
paying to W Spencer, pay to the
heirs of W Armstrong & Leased for
the same from W Spencer, all the

I wish and desire is a good title
for the Land, And if there is any Claim,
or mortgage against the land that
the may be managed in such away
as to secure in me a good title, the
payments I am bound to make
to W Spencer are as follows to wit,

In 8 weeks from the date of
the contract day ~~from 27th inst~~ 1500
then in one year _____ 1000
In two years - - - - - 1000
In three years - - - - - 1000
In four years - - - - - 500
Total - \$ 5000

I consider it my bounden duty to
give you this early information of
my situation, And if there is any
Claim against the Land in favour of
the heirs of W. Armstrong, that such
measures may be taken as will

Secure them & me, I expect in
a bout 8 days to start into Olney
ville in order to try to procure the
money for the first payment, It
would be satisfactory to hear from
you before I start -

I am with
respect yours de
Josiah Hedges