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## Letter from Michael Marley to James B. Finley

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Frankfort Ky Co. Dec 18<sup>th</sup> - 1830

Dear Bro Linby,

Your Favour of Nov 12<sup>th</sup> was handed me, on last Saturday by Bro. King, at Bloomingburg.

And while it presented in a very clear light, the multitudes and vicissitudes, by which we are surrounded, it furnished the strongest evidence of the existence of that Charity, and love, that "never faileth."

I fully intended to address you when I should get around the District, and to give you an account of matters, and things, but as your letter had been written so long, I thought it best to wait no longer.

I had heard the reason of your not meeting me in Waynesville, I came to Hillsborough, and met with no encouragement there, they told me that there was no room for me in the town, no house could be obtained.

Greenfield. So I proceeded to Frankfort, fell in first with Bro. Andrew McNeal, he at once said I should have a house, went with me, and we rented a comfortable dwelling for fifty dollars a year he told me not to stand about the rent, that, that, should not trouble me, when I moved my family he took us all to his house and treated us like a brother, till we got fixed, he has been a friend indeed, I suppose he was not a member when you was here he joined last year, the old Lyine is still living has visited us as a friend, the use of your name has been of great service to me, with this family.

I have attended the A. M. at Chillicothe, Piketon Portsmouth, Brush-Creek, West Union - Hillsborough A. Washington, the state of religion is low every where and not much prospect of its being better soon. I have been praying ever since conference that God would qualify me for this great work, and praised be his name I have felt more divine aid

in trying to preach than even before in the same length of time, I still fear however, that this work is too great for me, that it will not suit me, the preachers have treated me well so far and seem not to be disappointed, they did not expect much, and consequently seem to be satisfied, I seem to myself like an Exile, cut off from all my former associations and sent to this strange land, I would not pray for you to be released under existing circumstances.

But should you be released by next conference I would pray that you might be sent to this District, and not to a Circuit, or Station.

I intend however, by Gods grace, to do the best I can, and should I disappoint my friends, it will be more my misfortune, than my fault. I am happy to say that you live in the affection of this people, both preachers, and people, and I think that this is your place.

I have seen Col. McDonald he is a spritely man we had some three hours conversation on the subject of religion, I think the old man is a secession, he says he believes in Christianity, leaving out all that is supernatural he delivered your kind respects, permit me to tender you my thanks for the mention of my name in your communications to your friends. I have heard of it, from Bro. S. McNeal, & Bro. Casper, &c. as well as from the Col.

This has been of great service to me as a stranger in a strange land, David & Hannah are our nearest neighbours, and very clever indeed, my wife thinks lots of sister Reed, they are well and doing well I think, I have been thinking that as your District is small, and you will be likely to have but few Comp meetings, you may



arrange your work so as to spend 3 or 4 weeks here  
during the Conspiring Season, the time of which  
you shall be advised. I hope my dear friends  
that you will not fail to write, never mind the  
postage, as a letter from you is like "good news  
from a far Country", and as you have put me  
to the labouring man this year, it will be well  
if I sustain the Cause so as not to make against  
your Judgement, in future, I will however close  
this letter by proposing one Question

When an appeal is brought up on the ground  
of Mal-Administration, the whole being a question  
of Law, who decides the Chair, or the Conference?  
Please state the different grounds of Complaint  
as you stated them to me, at our last interview.  
I have forgotten them, — give my love to George  
and Joe, tell Joe, that he has some friends  
in this Country, that he must be a good boy,  
I expect that him and Maly will use up them  
Germanus this year, Remember me to Bro. Latta  
and all my old friends. Pray for me, and be  
assured of the sincere esteem of your Brother  
in Christ

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