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Letter from Mary E. Bayard to James B. Finley

Mary E. Bayard

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Rev. James B. Finley

Cincinnati

Ohio

no. 461

Mrs Wallace

Henry & Bayard

Pittsburgh March 23rd 1831

Respected Brother
Finley

I am almost ashamed to write again, it is such a short ^{time} since I wrote you, but one of our nearest neighbours, a good old side Methodist, one who is as firm as a rock, on the side of righteousness and peace, starts to morrow for your place, she has a great desire to become acquainted with you and begs me to write a few lines to introduce her having often heard Mr. Bayard and myself talk about you, I wish for our sakes you would be attentive to her, and introduce her to some of your good Cincinnati methodists, she is a very respectable and wealthy member, an honour to our church, the Radicals have used all their influence to get her converted to their side, but all in vain — Sister Wallace (for this is our good sisters name) can tell you how we are getting along in this place better than I can write, although I must not forget to tell you we expect to have a large church built close by us only one square off which will be very convenient —

I received your welcome letter since I wrote last we
were sorry to hear of your wife's illness but hope she
has recovered by this time, my poor Mother is still very
poorly I fear never will be well in this life she lingers
so long but I hope when she does go our loss will be
her gain — write to us when sister Wallace returns
to Pittsburgh — please to burn this scribble as I write
in haste it is almost bed time, fathers family and Mr.
Bayard join with me in sending their best respects
to every member of your family, I remain your sincere
but unworthy friend
Mary, E. Bayard