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Letter from Wesley Browning to James B. Finley

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Rev. J. B. Finley

Corner of Broadway & 5th Sts

Cincinnati

Attention of Mrs. Wallace

Wm. C. Finley

Pittsburgh March 23rd 1831

Dear Bro.

This will be handed you by our worthy and respectable sister in Christ Mrs. J. Wallace of this City, who in company with her niece visits your City and Louisville. And whom I wish to introduce to your attention, as one of the firmest friends of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this place. her principal acquaintance is with Rev. A. Shin and family; and slightly with Bro. Spencers. She would be pleased to become acquainted with some of our old side friends in that place. She will inform you of our prospects, situation &c. Her niece joined our society a few days since -

I am under obligations to Bro. Brooks for a prompt and satisfactory account of your late suits - Ours will come on next month

I rejoice to hear that the Lord is still at work among you. The M. E. Church is beginning to rise like the towering eagle, that soars in her majestic flight above the smoke and clouds and dust that fill the atmosphere below. My soul longs to see her rise in this place, and although it sometimes

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appears like rowing against wind and tide,
I am far from giving up my hope that we
shall see her rise in this place also.

I find we shall have to use our utmost
exertions to get through with our meeting House.
but still hope by the blessing of God to get through
for should we gain the other, we shall have
use enough for two good houses. And I am
persuaded it will tend greatly to advance
the interests of the Church

I have thought that should you finally
gain your suits in the Supreme Court, you
might afford us considerable help from
Cincinnati.

Will you be at the trouble to hand
the within to Bro Holliday, and get the
Books (if he has them) and send them by
sister Wallace.

Please write and let me know how you
doing — up the river — in Father Burkes
Church — in his case &c. please present my
love to sister Fenley — to the preachers &c. &c.

Yrs truly

W. Browning

