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## Letter from William Oliver to James B. Finley

William Oliver

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James B. Finley  
Cincinnati  
Ohio

P. H. Rayburn

William Alvin  
1831 - Dark County  
Ohio

Dark Co - April 8. 1831.

Dear Brother, Having duly recd. your kind expression of friendship, which came duly by the hand of Bros. Rapp, I hasten to answer it. It gives me no small degree of satisfaction to know that my old friends have not forgotten me and my family since we have gotten into the woods of Dark Co. - notwithstanding they have gotten into the City. But those kindred ties that are cemented by long and well tried friendship are not easily broken - and especially where they have been cemented by mutual suffering. I rejoice to hear that you are still strong in the cause we join, and although you sometimes talk of quitting the field, yet I trust you will die on the walls, and as you fall give the gospel trumpet - a general blast - and like a Sampson slay more ~~at~~ at your death than in all your life - We are still striving to beat our march toward the heavenly



Canaan, the delictable City of Immortality,  
and although we are in the wilds of the  
North we occasionally obtain a fore-  
-taste of that blessed Country, and con-  
clude that it is as near from Dark  
City to heaven as any other place.  
From your Communication I  
judge that sometime you get the  
Tippa, when you get this just  
think of old times and look up  
and then recollect that the Conflict  
with us is almost over. - When  
we shall have finished ~~the~~ triumph  
our voyage, and the Ship Company  
land safely in the Harbour of  
eternal Repose. Where we shall  
be safe for ever more -

The tide of life with you and ~~me~~ is  
fast ebbing out. O may we be rea-  
dy when death comes, have our sails  
hoisted, and ready to catch the hea-  
venly gales and safely pass over

into Port - as it regards Religion  
in our little class we hold our  
own trust, but gain no accep<sup>ion</sup> ~~as yet~~  
the Church however is prospering, and  
I hope ~~the~~ it will be well.  
let us have your Prayers for  
us; for our general Prosperity.  
Visit us if possible at our Ch  
Meeting if ~~possible~~ -

All gain in their respects to  
yourself and Family - Bro. and  
Sister Martin wish to be remem-  
bered to you -

Your sincere old Friend  
Wm Oliver

Rev. J. B. Finley