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## Letter from William Stevens to James B. Finley

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Rev. J. W. Findley as I have been a member in Cincinnati  
of your society belonging to the class of which Mr. Cox is leader  
I therefore conceive the methodist church to be the most  
refugnant of any in our land and that it should not be abso-  
luted even by a member but such is the fact we have a  
christ & anti christ it is therefore an honor to cease from  
strife but fools will be meddling Mr. Wesley is gone from strife  
but his ledger has brayed many a fool a fool that is a  
fool may be made wise but a half fool is a poison in the  
land well then I must say that hell diggers are Devil  
feeders and then if the earth be corrupt thoroughly and no  
good work found there in ~~what~~ must I do flee to the mountains  
no that's corrupt to the ends of the earth no corruption lieth  
there but let me reply who soever doeth the will of my Father  
which is in heaven the same shall inherit the promise but  
who is it that doeth this will I think when I begin to shout  
around <sup>the</sup> azure of God I shall find some ~~off~~ dreaming methodists  
what no presbyterians according to Gods word I shall find  
some ignorant souls there and how many more I no not  
much more I could write but one request I'll make and that  
is another has along time been about my head of an unsettled  
station in business as I am a brick layer I am pretty well  
qualified if <sup>you</sup> will give me a certificate or bill of recommenda-  
tion that I may meet the methodists where ever I go if not I'll  
serve God out of the church and honor him among the people  
you can accomplish the act by letter to Maypsville Kentucky  
as I expect to reside here for a few weeks or months

x I will honor  
that act of freed-  
om in the name  
of Christ

Yours  
affectionate

on a calm peaceful  
happy shore

The sighing soul shall  
shall weep no more

William Stephens



William Stephens  
Limestone 1831  
a grease  
thing

Dec<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Findley  
Cincinnati  
Ohio  
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