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Letter from Robert Miller to James B. Finley

Robert Miller

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Chambers City this Oct 9th 1831

Dear Brother

I want to see you very much but I do not know
whether I ever shall in this world the will of the Lord be done
I thought two weeks ago I was about to take my leave of this world
but I have got better thank God — I have had the company of
father Finley for several days which has been very agreeable
Indeed — my family are in good health and are pressing for-
ward — we have had hard toiling in this neighbourhood for near
twenty years to keep Methodism alive I was some times almost
discouraged but Glory be to God I think we are gaining ground
about sixteen in the last three weeks have joined society
and among them are about ten or a dozen young men who have
meeting once a week by their sabbath all appear to be very zealous
and some of them very gifted my two youngest sons have
joined the company — we have built a new Meeting house
this summer at my land this day four weeks the dedication
will be attended too by Bro Raper and others — our next quarterly
meeting for the Circuit will be held in our Meeting house on the
17 and 18 of December I wish you could come over and us — an Appoint-
ment from you will always be acceptable if you can ^{find} an opportunity
I suppose you heard from our Campmeeting at McNameesbury
which exceeded for numbers all that I ever seen in my life ~~that~~
Great ~~good~~ was done 193 joined the Church good order was

preserved through all the Meeting considering the number that
attended if the Methodist people will only live holy no fear for
Methodism but there's the Rub — Bro's James punch ~~hatsup~~
prayer ~~the~~ that your unworthy brother may ~~be~~ holy
See holy meet you and all the holy in heaven Father
Healy has just ^{preached} his sermon which I believe has had a good
Effect on the congregation favor let me see the death of the
Righteous and let my last be like his — Give my best love
to Sister Emily Bro Brooks and family Farewell
Bobt Miller

January 1832

May the Lord of heaven and the Father
of the Earth be your Portion in this life and your
future and eternal reward —

Shal you a Day of Grief pass by ~~unimproved~~
Sweet Thiers of ~~the~~ ~~living~~ ~~love~~ through Canaan's Land
Doctt Thob

Thos
Robert Miller
Arborea