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### Letter from Charles Holliday & J.F. Wright to James B. Finley

Charles Holliday

J.F. Wright

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Rev. James B. Finley

Chicago

care

Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Lloyd & Wright  
on a Northern Opinion  
about Finley and  
the subject to be  
written

Cincinnati 29 April 1833

Dear Bro. Finley,

We received yours enclosing one from bro. Waugh a few days since — Brothers Waugh & Mason had written to us also, requesting our views at large on the subject of a Methodist paper to be published in Cincinnati, which gave us a most favourable opportunity, to say on that subject, what we desired to say, and we improved the occasion as well as our time, and still would enable us. We urged the necessity of such a periodical from the character of the matter necessary to be published, being purely western in its origin, and application, and ought to be principally confined here in its circulation, as it would not excite much interest east of the mountains. That no successful method could be adopted to expose the various and combined efforts of other sects against our widely extended, and rapidly increasing Zion, but by such a paper.

And that we have here a growing city of at least 20,000 inhabitants. Where all the principal denominations (and indeed nearly all sorts) have periodicals published to advance their own interest in the great valley of the Mississippi which gives them an advantage over us that cannot be easily counteracted without a similar medium of communication to the public.



We had written to New York on the  
subject before your letter reached us.  
The nature of which, <sup>communication</sup> you may have some  
small idea from the foregoing. but if  
occasion offers we will touch the  
subject again. J. P. D. has written a  
letter addressed to Bro. Morris and your  
self, which perhaps you have not yet  
seen. We have not seen the letter but  
have understood from Bro. M. that  
he is with you fully in sentiment on  
the subject. We think it ought and  
will be carried into effect.

We have received a long letter  
from B. Hibbard. He expresses his  
firm persuasion of the innocence of  
Avery, and that it will so appear  
when he is tried. He seems to speak  
with great confidence & understanding.

Bro. Hibbard wishes us to sell his books  
for him, and remit him the whole sale  
price, and proposes as the lowest price  
to take \$18 per 100. in case we remit him  
the amount by the 10<sup>th</sup> of July. This is not  
possible for if they sell at all they could  
not be cashed in that time. He ap-

pears to be very poor and is paying  
interest for money. He needs help  
much, we are truly sorry for the  
good brother but we are at a loss  
to know what to do in this case or how  
to manage his business to his interest.

We will be so good as to give us a  
word of advice on this subject.

We hope you will be restored  
soon to your usual health and

be enabled to prosecute your labours  
with success. We shall be much  
pleased to see you here as soon  
as convenient.

We remain your Brethren  
in Christ Jesus

C. Holliday & J. F. Wright  
D. H.