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Sumpter C. H. S. C. March the 17th 1834.

Dear James B. Finley, Dear Cousin,
I received your kind favour of the 4th
Feb this morning and am glad to hear
from you again and to hear that the Lord
is still with you in his saving power.
I am sorry at the same time to have
so poor an account to give of the
state of our year in this Conference.
Dest our last returns were about
500 in Crease for the whole Conference
which is about half the ^{of the increase} ~~the~~ ^{of the increase} that
six years ago was returned from this
Circuit which I am now on (Santee)
the very great emigration to the west
has been one great cause of this state
of the Church with us. our recruit
of young men in the Itinerancy has
been greater the past Conference
than formerly: we had no less than
22 recommendations and out of them
we received 18 in to the work as pro-
bationers. I have with me one of the
most promising of them he however
is a man of a family and is older in
years than myself. He was an eminent
Statesman and a Lawyer also a man
of wealth but like Elisha of old
he left his business of plough-
ing (or planting of rice) to go and prophesy
in the name of the God of Israel and he
in several ways will be a useful man.

Jacky M Bradley
South Carolina
1834



Dear James B. Finley

Cincinnati

Ohio.

Mail

My own health is tolerable good at the present but my Dear Susan has a spell of affliction she is better at some times and worse at others I have not been able to move her in to this circuit yet and I am afraid it will be some time before I will be able to get her with me the distance is about 130 miles and some of the road I have ever and on the appointments and expect to remain until I judge it will be in my power to move my family which will take me off for a few days. My wife had a servant woman (as is common in this country) who I left in the last stage of the Consumption and I this morning received a letter informing me that she is no more I cannot say that I am the least sorry as I learn that she died happy in the Lord for I have no desire to own any such property this woman left a child of 5 or 6 years old which is all that we have to trouble us of that kind of people.

The prospects of Religion in this circuit are but moderate such has been the extent of the Political excitement in this part of the world that the love of many has waxed cold while Paley has a candidate and many there be who make it their business to keep up a continual ferment in these matters may our God overrule all this so as to save the

kingdom of his Son in this State and elsewhere ^{that} the same evil may exist.

As to my self I feel that all my business in this world is to try to do all the good that I can and to get ^{sub} out of it. I find that my own soul is greatly ^{best} in trying to preach to others and the promise is made true "he that watereth shall be watered himself."

I will try to get some subscribers to the Western Advocate and should I succeed I will let you know when I next write. I wish go to write to Hampton C. H. S. C. My dear ones were all well when I last heard from them. I am not glad to hear of your afflictions nor that of Cousin Hannah which might make a journey to the South necessary the ensuing winter but I should be glad to see you once in the flesh and should you come on I will expect you to call on me where ever I may be at that time pray for me at all times yours in Christ Jesus J. H. Beardsley

Rev. James A. Furber