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Forgetterville N.C. Feb. the 21th 1835.

My Dear Cousin James

I have delayed long
in hopes of hearing from you but in pain for
you have kept a long silence and may perhaps
still protract it if you write to get any
important epistle from me as I have but
little of importance to communicate at this
time except there is important work com-
mitted to my care which makes it important
that I should go to it in the name of the Lord
and serve it only through the strength of his grace
my lat has come out this year for further
-fordton Circuit Lincoln Dist. in N.C. and
I have a young man with me of the name of Sandy.
Our Conference was all peace and harmony &
it is to hold its next session in Charleston S.C.
our past year has been one of decrease to a
large amount though I cannot now say how
much. The disbarance in Charleston which has
been cited so extensively by the reformers was
submitted to an able Community who have re-
ported and their report will appear in pamphlet
form in a little time this report I hope will
be the last that will have to go to the press
on that subject on the part of the old side
Methodist. Dr. Casper is stationed in Colum-
bia with a view of his becoming the Pro-
fessor of Calamaria College that it may rise
from that depth in to which it has sunk by
Infidel influence. This is just where I think he
ought to be and where he may be very useful

The health of my Companion is not good She has had
a late attack of the influenza and she is hardly able
to lie up as yet though she is mending so fast as to
lead me to believe we can take the road in a
few days for our journey. James Finley is quite
lively and can talk a little though he has had
an attack of worms or something of that sort at
late that has reduced him considerably.

As to the power of Gallinacy in my own soul I
cannot claim as great a portion as I have in time
past done, that is I do not feel so constantly under
its influence though I feel as much as ever under
the influence of a just determination to spend
and be spent in the work of the Holy Spirit at
least till the hand of my Heavenly Father
stop up my way. Then I must submit to it
should such a time come.

I suppose I may infer from your not visiting the
South the winter that your health has im-
proved of that was to be the determining point
in your course. As to my own health it is but tol-
erable and gets no better. I have to labour under the
Dispepsia and of ten suffer much from that
Source. But the suffering of this present life
are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall
be revealed. So then I try to kiss the rod and
under the hand that has appointed it, give my soul to
Cousin Hannah and all your family to the second
generation write to me to Fairfordton, Va.
and pray for me at all times. Yours in gospel
labours unto death. J. Finley

Rev. J. Finley

J. M. Finley
1835

James Finley
Chilworth
Va.

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