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Samantown April 13. 1835

My dear Brother

When last at home I received your letter and was much pleased to hear from you and especially to hear of your health and work doing I have had a particular desire to see you since Conference, could it so have happened in the providence of God that my lot had been cast in the district of your charge it would have been an agreeable thing to me for I think I understand "Joseph's" & "Zion's" administration, the happy seasons we have had together will not be forgotten by me I trust in time and in the good world I expect my memory will be fastened on those subjects - I am getting along so far well with Bro William B he is certainly a fine man and I suppose to a correspondent view on administration I as yet anticipate no difficulty and hope to have a pleasant year I am much pleased with my colleague he just suits me, he is a fine little fellow and I think he intends advancement - to let the girls alone -

My other colleague has got married Oho Veto Veto -

Our prospects on the circuit are not so good as

L W Johnson

1835

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Samantown, O.
Apr 18

Rev. James B. Finley
Clinton
Ohio

Samantown

I could wish, however I trust some considerable
good has been done I think we have rid into
society about one hundred since conference. I
am well satisfied with my change to Eaton
circuit - Bro B. W. on Oxford is just in the
situation that I anticipated I should be in on
Oxford - he is trammelled by Bro J. W.
and I am fearful thy wife as the sailor
says "Run a fault" before conference

Bro Westgate cant stand unseem doctrine
and you know John cant keep the old
Land marks, ^{so} I fear he made a mistake
when we voted transfers, he never intended
to take the field as other men have to do
but I think he must be accommodated with
a station - viz Cin - or Oxford or some
other convenient place - I fear he
intends to make a claim on the conference
funds - I distinctly remember the understanding
viz if he could get \$100. at Oxford he would
make no claim ~~on~~ either on the circuit
or confer

If we have a camp meeting I wish let you
know - and hope it will be in your

power to attend. I want once more to hear
you and have the pleasure of saying if you
are about to quit to soon. Go a head

Bro Finley - our sufferings will soon be
over as we frequently say but if we hold
fast our confidence of firm unto the end
glory will be ours and an exceeding
great reward - The Apostle says
^{so} in our time be that way if we
fail not -

May the good spirit guide
thou us unto eternal
life -

My pen is very bad and
I cant take time to mend it

W. S.
My family
desire their
respects to you
if family

I remain dear Brother
yours in the bond of
Christ's Love
Charles W. Lawman