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## Letter from F. Wilson to James B. Finley

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Stoughton May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1835

Another Pinley I should have been  
glad to have seen you. and attended  
your meeting and enjoy the pleasure  
of hearing your preach. other circumstan-  
ces make it impossible for me to more  
now I shall have to Monthly  
my business is to attend on Monday  
to take depositions in that  
Highland case. in my unfortunate  
trial now pending in the Church  
on the first day of July in session  
as I am greatly rehearsing as I  
have not told you since my failure  
to let you know the true state  
of my case. and I find many unjust  
reports in circulation respecting my  
case. I know the interest of my friends  
people in this country in my fate  
being advised. that you have all  
that can be said against me. and you  
have no knowledge that I have any

James Miller

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For James to Pinley

Overriding Mr

May 23, 1835



defence to offer against the charges  
although you may <sup>be</sup> punctured yet you  
are placed in difficulties. I have no doubts  
but you feel for me as unfortunate  
as I do. I will give you advice to what  
I am able to prove in my own defence  
and first charge for taking up  
goods without a probability of paying -  
this I shall prove is not true. my evidence  
will be the books of Wilson  
& Taylor. this will prove that when  
J. P. Taylor and myself dissolved partnership  
<sup>this was in 30th Sept</sup> the firm of Wilson & Taylor  
was worth over and above all debts  
they owed \$2000 - less debts \$3 or 400  
of <sup>my</sup> ~~some~~ private funds. and this done  
by reducing the goods more than \$200  
under first cost. and the bills are the  
in. debt was produced according to  
the accounts, currency or notes so as to  
be exact. so that I never contracted debt  
when the capital was less \$2400.  
as to the value of hogs I will show

that there was a manifest contract  
with Wm Jeff to pay Wilson & Taylor  
a stipulated price per hundred. for  
500. or 1000 hogs. on the delivery of  
the same. or he would advance any  
sum Keever and McLaren would  
pay in advance. as to my promising  
Keever & McLaren one dollar more than  
what stated in goods could be  
collected from the former firm  
of W. & Taylor I never did. nor did  
I ever consent for them to receive  
one dollar more than the interest  
we had in the drove. and this I think  
I shall prove as it regards my  
self. now see if the hogs and capital  
was impracticality of meeting this demand  
then I am guilty as to providing money  
when the goods was surrounded Keever & McLaren  
was to pay what I owed in Penna  
as to the contract in the sale of the  
goods I have never said it. but calculated  
it was named from the declaration



Wm McElane he tolde the pulick that  
in relation to there some credit ~~against~~  
and the Waulde have some ~~hand~~ many  
to pay. frome the private understand-  
ing this was the credit. after the  
goods was removed I was then tolde by  
Reverend McElane that they were ~~in~~ charged  
frome this credit by J P Taylor as  
he had made assignment to pay this  
I tolde <sup>them</sup> I was certain there was ~~credit~~  
in this matter as I afterwards wrote  
to myseverall. I had but one practical of  
property. I left to save my friends  
and this Taylor and Pearson done all  
they could to divert to Pearsons use  
as I had the right. I secured \$200  
for to save those men. and this all I  
could do. there is a ~~denial~~ of right  
for ~~denial~~ many. This I ~~not~~ <sup>deny</sup> of as it  
was 6 months after J P Taylor had  
got the money before I ~~noted~~ that  
Taylor had sound me. the money  
was for his other share. and not for  
Wilson & Taylor

these are ~~sallem~~ ~~tenets~~ that I will  
~~know~~ <sup>now</sup> living to light if my life is  
 spared. I assure you if I ever tolde the  
truth that some script of ever thing  
I pass in this Waulde for lie you  
What the Lord <sup>would</sup> allow me. I would  
have lived as saving as man could  
toke good care of all the property  
while in my care. had my family expe-  
nces regularly charged as the books  
will show. although it has been said  
that there is no charges against me  
for all things I got out of the store  
oh Lord What a Waulde have I got  
into or What will man not do to  
injure his fellows living. I expect  
you will have difficulty in sending  
this letter as this is one of my ~~leaves~~  
days. and having just arose from  
my bed have had never attacked of  
the bilious colick. the Lord bless  
you my Brother and helpe me in  
this day of my trouble J W B