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Rev. James B. Finley

Ridgewell

Warren Co

Ohio

Jan'y 13th

Frankfort January the 10. 1837

Dear Brother Finley

I embrace this as a suitable opportunity to inform you that we are all in good health for which we feel truly grateful to our Heavenly Benefactor. Since I came on this circuit I have had an attack of the Bilious Fever but am as well now as ever, I have been round 3 times and I am well pleased with my appointment, I think I could not have been better suited the People appear to be very kind and the Lord is with us in our labours and I am also very much pleased with Frankfort I can assure you that there are many excellent People in the Church in this Town we ^{have} had no difficulty here since the Conference year commenced and I anticipate none I follow your directions in watching as well as Praying Br Jackson you know is a very strong Abolitionist but his influence causes but little difficulty Br Jennings is doing very well he is well received and I think will be useful among the People the quarterly conference agreed to employ Br Wilson for one quarter to fill some appointments where there have no Sabbath Preaching but I think it will only last one quarter Br Frank Wilson would like to be Bishop. this is all in confidence Our first quarterly meeting was at Brown

Chapple on the 24 & 25 of December Father
Quinn was with us in good health but was
quite feeble He preached very well but had
not strength of body to carry him through
as well as we could wish Br Finley the
People are not satisfied with the change
of Elders but I think it is my duty to
Sustain my R. Elder, but Br Finley if I
had it in my Power I would command
J. B. Finley back to Chillicothe Dist and
I can assure there are many more of the
same opinion both Preachers and People
but this is all with yourself and if the
good Lord permits us to live until next
Conference I must be placed under your
wing and I just mean what I say and
I intend to hang to you while there is a
button on my Coat we intend to hold
a four Day Meeting in this place ~~the~~ to
commence the 3rd of February and how glad
the People ^{will be} to see you once more and
hear you preach Jesus & the Resurrection
I wish you could come at that time and
see your old Friends and help us at
our meeting Br Brown I believe is well
resided in Chillicothe and Br James
W. Finley is doing well & Haroy also
Br Turner is calling them into the Church
in Portsmouth by scores Br Plumer is

faithful at his post Br Librand has been
quite sick and also Wherton his Colleague
but they are both well resumed and at
their post Br Estile has been fighting the
Devil for some weeks but I hope by
the grace of God he will give him a
drubbing and as well Br Clark is well
resumed so far as I can learn He is
faithful to his appointments ~~and~~ and I
understand they have had a fine meeting in
Greenfield. and the work is still prospering
Br Jennings is quite below in securing
Subscribers for the Advocate some of our
members have left the shores of time since
this conference year commenced and left
would in peace may the Lord keep
by his power until our work is done
and then all will be well I am
striving to live for God and I bless His
Holy name for ^{the} comforts of Religion I
think we have in several places omens
for a revival of His work may the
Lord grant us the desire of our hearts
I hope you will write to me as soon
as you can and let me know how
you are prospering on your Dist this
year may the Lord bless you and
yours I have no more to say but still
remember you Br in Christ
William S. Merrow