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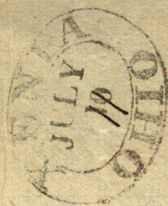
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Chapman & Spencer

Germanstown, P. C.

July 14



Rev. A. B. Finley

Germanstown, P. C.

Montgomery Co. Ohio

Wm. D. M. Menden
July 1838

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Wm. D. M. Menden
Lena, Ohio. July 11th 1838.

Dear Bro. Finley,

After informing you that myself and family are well, I would acknowledge the receipt of your favour, Dated Germanstown, July 2nd 1838. As it regards my situation, I have been doing very well, all things considered. Yourself and Bro. Spencer are the only P. Elders, that have done any thing towards collecting, for me. I am considerably in debt, but have been treated with great kindness by my friends, I have not been much uneasy, believing that so long as God intends that I should travel he will clear my way, and when this is not the case, it will be my duty to stop. any thing sent between this and Conference, will answer as I will not have to pay interest. I am glad to learn that the good work is going on in the bounds of your District, I have always thought that the excitement under your ministration, was free from fanaticism, we are not doing much on old union, this year except the work of Excision, we drop some, and Expel some you are aware that there was a great Revival on this Circuit, last year, perhaps you would think stronger at my saying that in my opinion, another such Revival, on this Circuit, would prostrate Methodism for the next ten years, a more perfect disorganization I have never had to contend with, scarcely any of the parts will adhere together, I hope however that we will become more settled against Conference, I have been travelling since first of April, my fractured limb has not recovered its strength, my ankle, has lost some of its action, yet I anticipate a sound and full recovery. There is nothing that gives me more concern than for some of our old men to talk of Retiring, I am not however afraid of your leaving the ranks of the fighting men, untill you are compelled to do it, when you do leave the battle field, I hope the Lord will show you for many years, to meet in the Councils of the Church,

for there it is, that we need Strong Checks, and heavy
Ballast, as there is evidently a disposition to Innovation.
I have found Bro. Hammond to be a true man, and a
good minister of Jesus Christ, I think he will leave
his Charge, in a healthful State, believe me, my dear
Brother when I tell you that I greatly esteem your
friendship, on many accounts, especially when you
are in the midst of a great work of God, and can remem-
ber a poor Maimed Brother, in the land, such
friendship is calculated to make an impression on
my heart, that will not be defaced by time,
Oh Lord Bless you abundantly, prays your Brother
in Christ.

Respectfully
&
Affectionately

M. Marlay

Rev. J. B. Finley.