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Letter from A.B. Stroud to James B. Finley

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Charleston
May 29

Pa. H. B.

James B. Finley
Germanstown
Ohio

Miss Finley

Wm. Kanawha Salines May 27th 1839
Father Finley

I am thus far on my journey and we are in usual health we spent the Sabbath in this place but have been detained from starting this morning (Monday) by heavy rains there is now an appearance of fair weather and we expect to proceed on our way I think we shall reach Petersberg in about 10 days if usual success attend us. by reason of much affliction in my family I did not start from home as soon as I anticipated when at our 2^d. De meeting but I shall probably return as about the time I then supposed I should ~~but the time of my~~ which will be in the month of July probably near the last of the month one object in writing at this time is to give a statement of the case which will come before the next Quarterly Conference for Eastern Circuit Sister Sheets ^{is a member in Eastern} was charged with fornication and a time was appointed to try the case She appeared and we proceeded to hear the evidence one only was given in which she appeared to clear and the committee retired and in a few minutes returned with a verdict of guilty I accordingly pronounced her expelled a few days after I received word through her husband that she desired to appeal to the De. Conference on the following ground that justice had not been done ^{here} in taking the evidence

particularly in this the committee waited on the witness
referred to and obtained her evidence at her own house
and in the absence of the Appellant. Said witness stating
~~that~~ ^{that} sickness in the family prevented her from attending the
place of trial &

now in review of the whole matter
I am convinced that she had not a fair trial and
if the case ~~forthas~~ ^{was} now before me I should act differently
though at the time I did what I supposed to ^{be} right
but in fifteen minutes ^{after} I saw an error which ^{was}
admitting the evidence under the circumstances in which
it ^{was} taken. I should have delayed the trial or
sent it off for another time. I have now

frankly made what I think to be a true
statement of the case as to the guilt or innocence
of the individual. I say nothing now. I will
offer the following suggestion that the whole
business be referred back to the Eaton Society
for a new trial before the Preacher. I have
several reasons for this one which is the Appellant
has been troubled and I think rehearing would
settle matters more satisfactorily. Bro Deers
is acquainted with the circumstances and will give you
further particulars. I am very sorry that my haste in the
matter has occasioned an appeal but at the same time
I think the Appellant justified in making it. I should
have pursued the same course that she has in this
instance had I been dealt with in the same way.

I fell out of my element away from
my work though I am satisfied that it is my
duty to attend to the call to settle the business that
takes me away from my Circuit. It is work of necessity
not of choice. I will endeavour to return without
delay. I hope the Lord will bless the the
Dear People whom I have left behind. Give
my love to the Brethren.

with much respect
and brotherly love I remain
Your &
A. B. Stroud

It would be very gratifying to me
to receive a few lines from you after our
Quarterly meeting
directed to Petersburg, Virginia