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## Letter from Thomas Brown to James B. Finley

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Dayton Aug 17-1844

Rev Sir Yours was duly received, and  
I am highly pleased with the idea of confining  
your Ministerial labours to the First Chapel

I have delayed writing thus long for the  
purpose of making some enquiries of - Stevenson  
in regard to his property as also to consult with  
S. Price and one or two others on the subject

- You say my old Homestead and the adjoining  
House would suit you. In this opinion I concur  
with you - I will here give a short history  
of that property - Stevenson is about negotiating  
a trade for his house with another person  
and in the event of his not succeeding he will  
Exchange for the notes <sup>you</sup> speak of by your endorsing  
them and not otherwise - In regard to my  
part it is rather singularly situated. I had sold  
to a Mr R Ames who has since failed and is  
absent - Mr G. Bombardier his agent has  
given me possession of the property (and at present  
is occupied by Rev Marshall) - He thinks he  
I will get <sup>me</sup> a Deed soon for the property - This  
may or may not be done - The deferred payments  
are secured by mortgage and in case of failing

12h

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Rev James B Girty

Janesville, O

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to compromise I shall foreclose the Mortgage and  
wind up the matter - Inasmuch as I have had  
some trouble with the property I should not  
like to exchange for your notes without your  
Endorsements - In regard to the price my  
present feeling is that both houses can be had  
for \$2500 in liberal payments on the notes  
you speak of Endorsed by yourself -

So far as I have spoken to persons of your  
coming here they are highly pleased - And  
Mr Price agrees with me in saying that you  
had better make your arrangements to come  
to the First Chapel and then you make your  
own trade for property - I have no doubt but  
you can trade your notes for property near the  
Chapel - You know I take no  
interest in Church matters, but I hear it  
whispered about that we cannot have two preachers  
here next year - for the very good reason that we  
cannot pay them - And of course First Chapel  
under that arrangement will not be supplied

Now Sir I beg leave to differ with those Gentlemen  
I believe the Congregation on this side of the canal  
can support a Preacher - Yea I go somewhat  
further I say we must and will support a Preacher

Resd James B. First

Yours ever  
J. B. Brown

I have not mentioned this matter  
to any person other than Price & Griswold