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Letter from Samuel F. MacCracken to James B. Finley

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Rev & James B. Finley
now at Marietta

Ohio

per Rev W. P. Strickland

7th 1840

Leicester August 30th 1840

Brother Finley

Sir

In a conversation I had with you in the course of the past year in relation to the appointment of a successor to Brother Strickland at this station, you were pleased to observe that due care would be taken in allotting the appointment to a person suitably qualified in every respect for the station. It is now a season of considerable anxiety with this people, and now so, no doubt in consequence of their having been so happily suited the two past years in Brother Strickland. I feel myself easy on the subject, being satisfied that through your instrumentality in connection with that of our worthy Elder Brother Whitcomb the Lord will provide for us a man after his own heart; On your experience and Judgment I have the utmost confidence, and trust you have sufficient interest in our welfare & happiness both temporal & spiritual to exercise them on this occasion in our behalf. In the course of the conversation referred to, Brother Weakley's name was mentioned, whom you spoke of both as a gentleman and a divine in highly respectful terms - and whom you thought might be instrumental in the hands of God of exercising a happy influence over this people were he stationed here. With your opinion we feel perfectly satisfied, and I can now give you the assurance that were it his lot to come here, he would be highly acceptable to this people, and that his coming would be hailed with much joy.

Your affectionate Brother
Saml. H. Mearns