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Granville O Aug. 28th 1845

At Br. Finley,

It was ascertained that the amount which Br Parks and myself were to pay to make up the balance due you from this Circuit was two Dollars & sixty five cents - one half of which I will pay you when you come here again or if you should not return I will send it to you not having the money at present by me, I had directed Br Parks to say this to you but another circumstance comes up on which I wish to say a few words viz the division of this Circuit - This circuit has been recently divided a new officinary organized & just getting acquainted and regulated and now it is proposed to take off some of our large appointments and give us in return the east part of Johnstown Circuit which hangs as a dead weight to them, brings fuel of difficulties, schisms and outbreaks in every quarter. I understand also that they do not wish to be attached to this circuit. The officinary & Church members here are as far as I know unanimously opposed to the division and I believe it is the wish only of a few members on Johnstown Circuit fond of having always something new and consulting perhaps their own ease and convenience rather than the general good of the whole Church. - If any division or new arrangement must be made I wish that Granville might be a station and we will make a desperate exertion to raise our quarterly with the consolation of knowing just what we are to expect every year. - But we will leave this matter with men who no doubt will do right. - With regard to our Preachers next year, as we have before said, we want Methodist Episcopal Stinson Preachers and having those we will be satisfied. -

Most respectfully Yours &c
A. A. Spencer

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1845
Doct. Spencer

Rev. James P. Finley
Cincinnati



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