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Letter from P.A. Mutchner to James B. Finley

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Paid
 Recd James B. Finley
 Columbus
 Franklin Co
 Ohio

Recd
 D. A. McClure
 April 16 1846
 Not answered

Jacksonton April 15th 1846

My dear Brother Finley

I have just returned from visiting the old mare home found the family tolerably well except Isaac he has the sore throat but is getting better they have received a letter from Leroy he tells them it is the third letter he has written to them recently I & were miscarried he is in Iowa he said he was thankful for the advice I sent him he is to come home in company with Geo. Richey in June I wanted to see you very much as I came back but detained a little on the ^{way} bus behind the time and saw I was going to have pretty hard driving my horse being some tired to reach home before dark though a painful task I feel anxious to tell you all about my money matters when I reached home I found things there so far as money is concerned worse than my most unhappy anticipations my father has recently had to take back a piece of land that he sold some time ago for six or seven hundred dollars the man who bought the tract that my mother lived on has paid

nearly all he owed on it the old man had
between thirty & forty dollars a part of
which he owed I have no prospect of
getting any thing at home for a number
of years when I found my prospect at
home was cut off I concluded to visit
my old friend Ream I knew if he had
it I could get it and refund it just
when I could I was at his house this
forenoon but unfortunately for me
he had just bought a farm for
which he is to pay three thousand
dollars he told me he would give
ten dollars if he could withdraw
his one hundred dollar subscription
to the Wesleyan University & give it
to me instead of the college these
are the only two fountains to which
I have access they have both failed
in this my time of need and now
brother Finley what to do I know not
I have tried every means I could
devise to get through with this matter
but have failed in every attempt
I could pay you fifty dollars now the
balance I could not make on the
circuits short of seven years if ever
and that is the only chance I now have
I have about one hundred & fourteen dollars
owing to me in quarters & for duty & I owe \$136.00

These are my circumstances You know Mr. Finley
I have nothing to give you as an equivalent
instead of money even if you would take it
I have given up in despair and unless you
will take the said again instead of what
I owe you I suppose imprudently but
the Lord knows innocently involved myself
without any prospect of relief and now
my dear brother Finley I am in your hands
& at your disposal whatever you say I will do
if I can my only hope of not being distressed is
the known qualities of that Heart that has
been the fountain of so much paternal kind-
ness to me whatever you may do with me
or to me in this matter the filial affection
I have for you will remain unsullied in
death shall sign my release from the disappoint-
ments & sufferings of the present life I hope you
will write to me the first opportunity

Yours unworthily Son
P.A. Mutchner

May requested me to tell you to write to
soon as you ascertain the time that you can
start back to Columbus

I am very unwell

P.A. M

Bishop Hamline was here today he preaches here next Tuesday