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

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Jacksontown  
Aug 5<sup>th</sup>

Rev. James B. Finley.

Columbus

Franklin Co

Ohio

New Bedford  
August 18<sup>th</sup> 1840

Wm. A. Miller

Jacksontown August 5<sup>th</sup> / 40

My dear Brother Finley

We have been expecting a visit from You for some time the Conference Year is so near closing that we have almost despaired seeing You but we still hope You will come if You can. We have been well since we saw You except our little Chief I thought we were going to lose him he had a very violent attack of the Cholera Morbus & a very hard Fift which lasted I suppose nearly or quite an hour but contrary to the Expectation of all the People he has through the great Mercy of God and the untiring labors of Dr. Smith recovered. Things on the Circuit remain much as they were when I saw You our Sabbath Schools are prospering beyond any thing of the kind I ever saw but my principal object in writing to You now is to say a word in regard to the future You know Bro. Finley I never asked You for a Circuit not even where You were going to send me and all I wish to say now is that I believe in the Fear of God I ought to be permitted another Year to this Circuit I think so for many Reasons I will give You some of them 1<sup>st</sup> The Brethren say the Circuit has never prospered as well in its present form as it has this Year those Brethren want me to come back



2<sup>nd</sup> The Administration of Discipline that I believe  
has been the means by the blessing of  
the Lord in bringing about this better  
state of Affairs is not fully carried out  
if I had about Four or Five Months longer  
to stay I could get things arranged as  
I think they ought to be

3<sup>rd</sup> I have sold a Quantity of Sabbath School  
Books for which I am not likely to effect  
a settlement with some of the Schools before  
I have to leave

4<sup>th</sup> I am concerned in the building of  
the Meeting House at Rikersville in  
such a way that I cannot well leave <sup>fall</sup> this  
5<sup>th</sup> For the last Two Years I have run the Gauntlet  
and now my soul pants for a season of repose  
if returned to this Circuit I think I shall have it  
these together with many other things that will  
tell you if I have an opportunity have led  
me to the conclusion that I ought to be retur-  
ned Stephen Convey thinks I ought to succeed  
him on Franklinton Circuit if there was  
any probability of me getting there I would  
be glad I would like to be as near you  
as I can get without having Spencer  
for my Elder if I could <sup>get</sup> on that Circuit in  
charge so that I could live in Franklinton  
I would be the best pleased I have ever  
been Stephen says they are a peaceable People  
on that Circuit & that I could find such

the Brethren here have learned from some of  
the Preachers that Bro. Soughty is going to  
make a tremendous Effort to get on this  
Circuit ~~next~~ Year they are protesting against  
it I believe to every Preacher that comes  
along they have heard unfavorable Reports  
of him among other things that he is  
a Mesmerized old Bro. Camilton I have learned  
is fully bent on coming to this Circuit. The  
Circuit would rather have Carpenter  
he wants to come with me for his  
colleague he wants to be the Senior he  
says if they do send him I think he would  
do well there the coming Year now Bro.  
Stanley I have told you what I think of  
these things in the sincerity of my Heart. I hope  
you will choose for me once more and do  
with me & for me as you think best if I should  
live to travel I expect after this fall  
to suffer for your kindness to me since  
I joined the Travelling connection  
I received a letter some days since ~~from~~  
<sup>by Chambers</sup> says you are to be at their Camp  
Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> I suppose we will not  
see you as we go home

My Family are join with me  
In sending their Respects to Thee  
P.A. Mutchner

My Mother Jared has lost his leg