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Rev. James B. Finley

Columbus

Ohio



May 20th
Oct 1846

Chillicothe October 9th 1846

Rev. James B. Finley

Dear Sir,

Your favor of yesterday was received the last night, and I have this morning called in the chairman of our meeting for information relative to the preparation making for our adjourned semi-centenary celebration of the origin of the settlement of this valley which is to come off on the 31st instant. Messrs. Kelley and Gallaway of your city have each accepted their appointments and promised to prepare and deliver with addresses on the respective subjects designated. Judge Burnett writes that it is impracticable for him to attend. We shall therefore confidently rely on your three gentlemen of Columbus for furnishing the three most interesting addresses which will be delivered on that day. My public efforts shall not, however, be wanting on that day should kind providence preserve me in health.

I have, however, found upon experiment that the facts and circumstances connected with the origin and progress of the settlements in this valley, the remembrance of which are worthy of being perpetuated, are so intimately connected with and dependent on others of a more general character which either preceded or accompanied them up to the period in which our State Government was organized that to perform the duty assigned me in such a manner as to render the address worthy of the respectful notice of an enlightened community it would occupy a space of at least five or six ordinary addresses. The facts to be embodied in such an address ought to form the substratum of its future history. These facts must be collected and arranged now or never, for in every few years all who were participants in those early transactions will have passed from the shores of time. Short Biographical notices of the prominent actors

during the period to which we have referred could not be crowded into
a space less than the length of an ordinary address. I have collected the
materials for a complete history up to the period in which this was received
into the Union: But have concluded to make only a short introductory address
to the people on the day named so as to allow time for the delivery of the
addresses which ~~you~~ you & Messrs. Galloway & May have prepared.
This I am persuaded will be more pleasing and profitable
to the people. Please call on Messrs. Galloway & Kelly and inform them
of this fact. Invitations have been sent out and public notice will
begin on of the meeting in next week's paper. If the weather before
we shall have a large meeting, and if life & health permit let
me urge on each of you to attend.

I sympathize with you in your affliction; myself & family have
not escaped, but thanks to a kind Providence we are all recovering.

Tender our respects to Sister Finley and accept for yourself the
kindest wishes of my heart for your health, peace & prosperity.
Thomas Scott