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Thomas Dickerson

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Harrison County State of Ohio Augt 22^d 1848

My Dear & Much Respected Brother, ^{am} I just recovered a
little from a severe attack of the Dysentary & with a trembling
hand I undertake to write you a few lines informing you
that my companion is in a low state of health & according
to the course of nature we cannot expect to be long in
this vale of tears. but Dear Brother, I have found it good
to be afflicted & I feel at this time glory be to God that
if this earthly tabernacle were dissolved that I should
have a Building of God not made with hands & eternal
in the Heavens. I should be very glad to see you & family
& friends once more in this world. I thank God that you for
one have been enabled to make a stand against slavery
& that God whom you serve will support you in all your benevolent
undertakings. please write to me the first opportunity & let me
know how you all are & where the widow Jane Finley
now lives & how the McQuitty & Mother & friends are
I would like to write much more but I trust if I am
spared a little longer in the world that we shall
have an opportunity of expressing our ideas more
fully some of our old friends & some of my family namely
my son Thomas has lately gone to the world of spirits
& I was informed that he died in the triumph of faith
the best of our friends as far as I know are in tolerable
health at present. I request an entreat in all your
prayers that if we ever should have an opportunity of seeing
each other in ^{this} world we may meet in a better which is
my prayer for Christ's sake. Amen

Thomas Dickerson ^{Sen}

Rev
James B Findley
Columbus Ohio

Thomas Pickens
Apr 1846