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Free Jas. Savage P. M.
German town 12y
May 10

Rev. James B. Finley
Pittsburgh Pa.

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German town 12y May 8. 1848
Rev. James B. Finley
Dear Bro. I have sent a
memorial to the Gen. con. care of Bro.s Wright
& Lamblinon Be so good as to call on them Read
the memorial and if you think its Respectful
Be so good as to aid in presenting it at the most
proper time I would or could say much more
I think the Gen. con. should do But there are
so many aged and experienced ministers in
the con. no doubt every thing will be done for
the good of the church I hope however the
con. will declare the plan null & void and
draw a Large Black mark over the plan
that has done more harm than any thing else
to our Beloved Church Also to say in Large
Roman letters the M. E. C. has existed from
the day of its organization & does still exist
notwithstanding the court of Appeals in
Ky. have declared to the world there is no
M. E. C. in the U. S. A. no ministers of said
Church no members of said Church see the
decision in Bro. Armstrongs case I think
on page 145 Also I hope the Gen. con. will
establish a Western Virginia conference or a Ky
con. or both But up for volunteer Preachers
& carry on Business as before 1844 Also Be so
good as to get the con. to say publicly what
they meant by a Border Society & when a major-
ity voted to go south & that was 12 or 3 Local
Preachers adhered to the old church was they
to have a part in the Church (House) or have

to wander about in dens and caves to worship
the God of their Fathers No doubt you have
heard I built a church in this place paid
every copra my self Decided it to men for
the use of the members & P. of the M. & C
it cost about \$1200 besides the lot Well
by the plan of separation the Doors have
been Barred against us & the courts of Ky
sustain the Southerners And as many of
our Preachers talk about doing Justice
to the South I hope they will begin at
Home & do us justice by paying or sett-
ling in some way for the church they
gave or Bartered away to the South
Otherwise I dont think there will be much more prop-
erty Decided in the same way for surely if the Gen.
can. can at there will dispose of all the churches par-
sonages colleges & C. & C. when they please most persons
will hold the Right in themselves I do hope the Gen.
can will say they were deceived or the South took
the advantage of them and they never did nor do
they now claim the Right to Barter their Members
& property at there will without trial according
to Discipline May the great Head of the Church
preside over you in all your deliberations
My Dear Bro. Remember me in your prayers
that I may hold out faithful till Death

Yours in Christ
James Savage