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William Porter

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Dear Gas Findley Dear Father
 it is with gratitude to god that I can inform
 you of the healthy condition of our circuit
 General peace in our borders the finance of the
 circuit is in a vigorous state the meetings
 are spiritual and lively our membership
 in two years has increased about \$50
 we have payed about \$650 Church debt
 there is now only \$100 Church debt
 on the circuit the Lord has led me by
 a way that I need not glory to his name
 Broth Clarke our presiding Elder is highly
 esteemed he preaches with power of the
 holy ghost Broth Mitchell my colleague
 is giving full proof of his ministry
 we have a camp meeting appointed to commence
 on the 17th of Aug next embracing the
 following sabbath I am very desirous that
 you should be with us especially on Sabbath
 I am aware that this is asking a good deal from
 a man of your age but I am not less
 aware that you will do it if consistent
 with your health and other arrangements
 please answer me and let me know whether
 you can come or not

the Camp meeting will be held about
 4 miles north of Alexandria and the
 same distance east of Johnstown
 Broth Harvey of Granville Ct will take part
 of the management and responsibility of the
 meeting I remain your brother and fellow labourer in
 the vineyard of the Lord
 Johnstown Ohio July the 5th 1848 Wm Porter

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Revd J B Finley ^{Part 5}
Columbus Ohio

Johnston
July 5th

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W J Porter
Johnston 48
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