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Letter from Philip Gatch to James B. Finley

Philip Gatch

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Rev. James Finley

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 Millis Patch
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 G. Bro. August 5th 1829, Millis -
 My mind has been led to contemplate the
 the situation of the Indians, (how with
 others, I believe to be the Ten tribes of
 Israel), I have wrote an Essay on Facts
 and thoughts relative to them, the
 facts are collected from Scripture and
 the thoughts are some of them mine
 originally, and some of them collected
 from others which I subscribe unto, it is
 not calculated to entertain the learned or
 the Critick but is adapted to the situation
 of the Indians, It may furnish them
 them with some instruction and encourage-
 ment, I have a thought of sending
 it to you by Bro. Davison, you may look
 over it, and if you approve of it, I had
 a thought of putting it into your Fathers
 hands if he will put it into form and I

publish it and give the Indians some
copies of it, and me a few of them. he
may have the use of what he can make
by them, I gave the manuscript to a young
^{man} to draw of, but he has not put it into that
form that I could wish it, as to sentences
and sections, Your Father if he sees good
to undertake it, can prepare it for the
press, If it does not meet with Your appro-
bation I want you to send it back by
Bro Davison to me, The Lord bless you
and be with you all in Conference
and prosper his work in the world

Philip Gatch

N.B. you must make allowances for old
age which is under infirmities that
young People have not experienced I
expect I am the oldest Preacher that
belongs to Methodist Connection in

America, I was in the first Class of Preachers
that was taken into full Connection in America
I have wrote some Essays on different subjects
and also something of my experience through
Life You know me and what manner of Man
I am, and can bear with my weakness and im-
perfections, from this consideration I take the
liberty of communicating to you. Yours

P. Gatch

a few lines from you if you please