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the South Carolina Conference is to set the 30th
January at Lincoln Co. S.C. and I wish you to
write me to that place so as to let you let
ter have a plenty of time to get there by the
opening of Conference. Yours in love and in
the bonds of a peaceful Gospel M. Bradley.
Rev. James B. Finley.

Des Moines, Mo.
Nov 2
Rev. James B. Finley
Highville, Mo.
Warren County
Ohio.

Bradley
M. Bradley

Bladen Co. S.C. Conference Nov the 6th 1832

Dear Cousin James,
Yours of the 5th Oct has come to
hand. It gives me pleasure indeed to get one more
Epistle from the only blood relation that
I have in the Ministry with whom I corre-
spond. I am still favoured to enjoy good health
and am trying to do what I can to spread
the knowledge of the Lord amongst the
People of my Charge and though the suc-
cess is not as great as we would wish it
is far from being in vain for there has been
a clo of souls awakened and brought to the
knowledge of their sins forgiven on this
Oct this year and if we shall get to the
Good World it will be a grate victory
over the Powers of the enemy and Cause of
joy in Heaven our C.M. is past we had a
good time though there was not so many con-
versions as I have witnessed at some other
places one reason I believe was that the
Camp Ground was in a leafy tree which
hood and the shield of prejudice was too hard
for the arrows of Gospel truth and the
old song "if I am to be saved I will be saved"
serves to sooth every rising desire or anxiety ab-
out the welfare of the Soul C! that this

this "keppage of lies may be swept away" by the Halesstones of Gospel truth and all the people like St Peter ~~the~~ "precious of a truth that God is no respecter of persons but (that) in every nation he that fears him and worketh righteousness is accepted of him". Since I received your letter I seem quite in the notion of going to the Ohio and see if I should not like that part of the world better than this this is no within of the dream with me as it is the first time that I ever felt a willingness to leave my native land for one at a distance but I do not know that the hand of Providence has opened my way as yet to go: I should be quite glad to accompany you to the Indian Nations on the heads of the Mississippi should you go on the contemplated tour through that region but I fear I am not prepared to be useful in that part of our work as "Em laboriores for Christ" this I am willing however to submit to the judgement of my Brethren the particular obstacle that I see in my way is the fact that I labour under a dyspepsia that disables me to take long rides on horse back and there would be no way for me to travel the route necessary to be gone on such a tour but on a horse back I feel that I have to a certain extent recovered of this disease the present year and it might not

form an entire barrier to me in another year and I know not but such a tour would be as good a remedy as I might fall upon if I can only stand the ride. There may be one more obstacle in my way of which I am not sure that is if I should meet with an opportunity to my mind I may change my condition in life and that would perhaps stop all such enterprises but I have no such engagements on hand at this time nor any very fair prospect of forming any. I trust you to write me to Lincoln Co. D. Lincoln County N. C. as soon as you receive these lines and let me know your welfare and the prospect of your taking the contemplated tour among the red men of the Forest and I shall come to a conclusion whether I will take a transfer to your preference or not by that time: for I know not whether it will be in my power to do so now or not: now am I as yet quite satisfied whether it would be most to the glory of God or not for me to do so: I wish to be in the land and at the disposal of the Lord in all that I do O! Lord teach me the good and the right way in all things give my love to Cousin Hannah and Cousin Eliza and Cousin Eliza with all the little children also to Bishop Hedding if you should see him.