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Recd James B. Finley
Columbus Ohio

MAILED
AUG. 13

Wm
J. Ellis
Aug 1846

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Dear brother Finley

From feelings of respect
 And from a sense of duty I again address
 You a few lines my health has been
 Much better during the summer than it was
 Through the winter & spring seasons but is still
 Poor yet I do not feel like a broken down man
 Either in body or mind I still enjoy peace
 With God and a humble hope of heaven
 We have not had a very pleasant nor prosperous
 year now I want to suggest a few thoughts
 That may aid you in representing this circuit
 Our societies are at peace except some 3 or 4 spirits
 At this place that don't look out of methodist eyes
 And now brother Finley I am in a state between
 Two? impelled by a sense of duty on one hand
 And the finer feelings of my heart on the
 Other I have had to contend with 2 things this
 year that I have not had to encounter before
 The one is the want of the aid of my colleague in
 visiting delinquent members the other thing
 is an opposing or counteracting influence
 in carrying out discipline the reason the people
 live for all this is that he was ^{not} put in charge
 But they think he is extreme he ought to be if
 a traveling preacher at all but the expression
 of opinion on that subject is that ^{we} would serve
 the church to better advantage at home

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I do not say these things? because there
is difficulty or unfriendly feelings? between me
and brother Daugherty for there is none
except it be with himself but I never have
been true to the necessity of rectifying of my
colleague at the mes. and calling him to order
before this year but something new is taking
place all the time? in this changing
world? we are trying to do something for
the missionary cause? but will have
very short grazing at home.

Affectionately yours B Allen

Rev J B Finley