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## Letter from D. Fisher to James B. Finley

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862 There are pretty good preachers  
stationed here, Morgan & Sliver,  
Sliver is the locoforo chaplain  
to the Senate - he is a tolerable  
good preacher, but a loco - and  
that's enough for me.

I hope <sup>you</sup> are doing well with  
your charge; I suppose it is near  
ly as wicked as the charge of the  
chaplain to Congress. But I  
hope you will be able to con-  
vert more of yours, than the Chap-  
lain is like to do.

I do not admire the business  
I am compelled to follow, I  
look often to the repose of retire-  
cy, where I can enjoy the sweets  
of domestic life and religion, un-  
interrupted by the bustle of politi-  
cal life. May God bless you  
and yours. D. Fisher

J. B. Finley

Washington city  
March 1<sup>st</sup> 1848

My Dear Bro:

I some time since  
received a letter from you, in  
which your views accorded  
with mine in regard to the war.  
But whether we will be able  
to close it or not, is uncertain.  
There is a proposition for peace  
now before the Senate, received  
from Mexico; and very like  
it may be ratified; the Senate  
is in secret session - they will  
come to some conclusion on it  
this week. The locos - don't  
like it, but will have to go  
for it; they don't like it, because  
it <sup>will</sup> put an end to the war, and  
break down the issues between  
the parties; they wish the war  
to continue till after the e-  
lection, at the risk of losing

Thousands more lives, and millions of money. The whigs will go for it, not because they like it, for they don't want the territory, ~~for we are~~ giving 20,000,000 of dollars for that which we would rather not have ~~as~~ even as a gift, but they go for it, to stop the effusion of blood and treasure.

I wish to say a word upon another subject; that is the presidency. I was indeed ~~be~~ much gratified to see the whigs of Ohio write upon some one among either McLean, Clay or Scott. Corwin will not be a candidate before the convention, as he told me. So that the whigs of Ohio should look out for some other man. Could they unite on one of these three men, I believe they could be nominated - but if

they come up to the convention divided, I much fear that gen - Taylor will be nominated - and if he is the whigs will be shivered to atoms in Ohio, as well as some other States. It is a calamity to be deprecated. I wish you would tell me candidly how McLean appears to stand in Ohio as far as your knowledge extends. After Corwin, McLean would be my choice; certainly I would like to see Clay president, but there seems to be such a universal distrust, that he can't succeed, that I fear it to. As to religion here, there are some good people, but a great many very bad ones - much wickedness is perpetrated here.