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Danversville March 9th 1825

Very dear Bro. A few minutes ago yours of the 1st Feb. came to hand I am very sorry I said any thing to you about being Judge. I intended it as a piece of pleasantry, tho at the same time I thought it was ignorant envy which gave rise to my mentioning it, at all — They — brought me a newspaper & shewed me that you were appointed Judge. I took up the paper & saw J. B. Kinley was appointed, but it was for Bro. Lantry, so I never undereceived the envious. Fools for I knew it could do you no harm, & would not alter their disposition. So I have no doubt but that Davenport has acted toward you as a man of honor. Indeed I think him incapable of any thing else — The prosperity of the Mission delights me. But that was an unfortunate & evil hour in which you suffered the Devil to tempt you to give up your Parcements — I would not for a great deal that every body knew it. Why Bro do not you see that this is what our ill disposed brethren & pretended friends wish! to get you out of their way. There is one lesson which I have already learned

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April 1st 1825



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which you are now leaving. ^{viz} The more Providence
raises a man above his fellows either in gifts,
graces or situation in this world. The more is he
liable to assaults both from without & within!!
This is a tax you & I must pay, & we ought to do
it as cheerfully as we can because it is Providential.
I wish you had Sherlock on Providence to read
you have honestly poured out your soul to me
I am touched with its fulness & sorrow & have
no doubt but that as you see this, our good High
Priest has atoned for the murmurings, & our
Heavenly Father shall have beamed forth in
inappreciable light & joy in your soul! That will
compensate for the whole. I know that you
are much mistaken if you ^{think} this world (bad as it is)
affords you no friends!

The policy of the general Gov respecting the Indians at
this time I do not understand. But they are men
& perhaps are not scandalized enough by speculating
on the poor creatures lands!

Your view of that body of Christians to which we
belong is correct, But your inference is wrong. For
they never "were all Israel who were of Israel."

Now if you wish me to attend the next Collecting
sit down & take your pen & write to the presiding
(without varying either the common order or time)

The times of their respective Collectings & tell them
immediately to write me the places — At the same
time I wish you to write me the times of each
of them.

I have been considerably afflicted with the Piles since
I got home, but perhaps shall be able to do as you
wish on the District. If I should not be able you
shall know it when the time is near at
hand.

That I could see you this night it would do
us both so much good. If I go on the District
you must meet me at Delaware Del.

My wife is still quite unwell tho better
she has been

I still desire to do & suffer something for God
He is good to me! Give my respects to Sister
Finley. And believe me to be with un-
changeable firmness your sincere friend

J B Finley

J. J. J.

N.B. Both the orthography & mechanical part of your
last letter is pretty good.

P.S. I want to hear from you by return Mail