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## Letter from David Young to James B. Finley

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Mr. J. B. James  
Upper Sab. destry  
Mr. Galen

By Mr. J. B. James  
1825

Gainesville April 5th 1825  
Dr Bro  
Yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> Ult came to hand  
On receiving it I felt grateful as I have often  
done that God has so ordered it in the civilized  
world that thoughts afflictions & affections can be  
felt & realized thro the unavoidable medium  
of vision alone!  
I rejoice with you that the Lord has eased,  
relieved & comforted you both in soul & body.  
I hope always to act so as to convince you that with  
respect to myself you shall never have reason  
to suspect that your attachments have been  
impaired or your confidence abused.  
It seems the Wyandots are not likely to be en-  
snared with the bait Congress has put on the  
hook emigration. How long would they be in peace  
jammed in the midst of 40 other tribes — is the  
object to give the Indians a good chance to kill  
one another that we may occupy their lands with-  
out the scandal of killing them ourselves? Hope not  
But will Arkansas & Missouri do them long! Where  
next? Oregon — Then they will be in the way  
& some may still think they ought to be coaxed &  
bribed & flattered & if necessary receive a little  
salutary National shove into the western Pacific!

Let me know by the bearer Mr George Golder if you  
have plenty of sugar this spring in your country if so  
whether when you send for your cart wheels to Glenn  
you can bring me a barrel that for if good sugar  
can be had for 6 1/4 cents &c it is very scarce with us  
& I am not fond of Orleans Sugar.

As it respects your very kind of taking Mr Young to Sandusky  
I will try to gratify you in that if I can get a good  
gentle horse to go in my waggon - & in order to fix  
that business straight you will send me the precise  
day between the 15<sup>th</sup> & 19 of May when you can be at  
Columbus to take charge of the old lady. If some  
thing should prevent our wishes in this I want time  
to write to you that you may not be doubly  
disappointed.

I want you to write to me particularly about Br  
Osbury. Was he legally transferred from Genesee or  
New York Conference? By whose order & authority did  
he go to work on Madriver Circuit? Did Wells  
leave it without permission? Is there any truth  
in the reports which were current with some folks  
out on your District "That Osbury & Wells had  
swapped circuits in different Conferences" like  
traders would swap horses & cattle? You know me  
it is not to find fault I make these enquiries it  
is to prevent evil & serve Methodism. For on Mad  
river as far as I could learn the people in general  
would rather have Gatch in charge than Osburys

And some of the officery took the liberty to tell  
me that as Wells had abandoned them Gatch  
ought to have charge of the circuit. Now I want  
when I go back to have information to justify  
& support what is right & to apologize (if necessary)  
for any thing that is wrong. Asbury if naturalized  
among us acts too much like an imperious Po-  
-trooper & perhaps can do no better. Habits and  
prejudices are powerful!

Your box of goods have not yet come to hand  
when they arrive I shall take care of them  
I am glad you have begun your M House -  
but I am afraid it will be difficult to finish it  
I see by your report (possibly you have not seen  
them) that you have charged the Mission part  
year <sup>with</sup> Calhoun \$1333. By the same report I see  
the greater part of the money is expended (not  
unnecessarily) with I believe no other netted but  
a few bricks. How shall we get along this year  
without more funds?

If Golder does not return directly write by mail  
May the pair of your labors & afflictions always  
be seasoned with the consolations of duty. Give  
my respects to Mr. Wiley &c - And believe me to be  
ever affectionately yours in Christ Jesus  
Wm. G. G. Garrison  
11/15