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## Letter from David Young to James B. Finley

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Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 1831

I rec<sup>d</sup> yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst & was very glad to hear from you — Your apology for not writing is a reasonable reproof if not a reproach to me — I have been sick & unwell nearly ever since I saw you last. The increase in your District last year was about 400 — I suppose you mean to take in that many this year if nobody will help you — 100 1<sup>st</sup> Round!

I am truly glad that your reception on the District is religious & pleasant — in "Sickness & sorrow" this will be some health to your bones.

You ask "How is it" Why it may be — as you write his name is proselyted to the opinions of Bro L-n (an unmy) or Bro L-n proselyted to the Opinions of Mr — Now one on the District & the other on the Circuit — might militate against the equity of the courts both below & above — But Bro L-n is an old man of strong prejudices & passions & I am sorry to say that his former judgment & understanding has forsaken him — This is my way to account for the facts stated in yours — He is a good man and long tried — & I am exceedingly sorry that it was necessary to put the poor old man on S Creek — I hope you will try to make him as comfortable as you can. Never before did he travel where it was lawful to take more than 6 Pl interest & he does not believe the law now — If this is not a good explanation — it will satisfy you I hope fully as well as it does me!



It was a pity that I let you have the "walker" as he  
did not suit you I could have sold him for \$100—  
several times but may be it would have been too much  
I gave \$95 for him—I know of no defect in either  
his limbs or legs—possibly you were too heavy for him  
Crooked leg has done nothing since I had him. The  
boys went (when I was very sick) to make him plough  
but he would not go it—so he has five times  
But I intend to get some waggoner to try him

I think I shall go to Gen Con. (if able) in the stage  
I can go & come the quickest that way. The Yankees  
you know will spend all they cleverly can & there is  
no great sin in doing as they do when they do right.  
Suppose you come by this place & let us go on together  
then it will be a matter of subsequent to pass thro  
Pitt. & Chambersburgh &c. Unless you keep this mat-  
ter pretty still you will have more company than  
can travel together comfortably—if it meet your  
views bring but one with you—no body as likely to get  
hurt. Your great house is (I suppose) Episcopally dedicated  
I wish I could be with you next Sabbath at I believe  
in Circumlocution! I am glad Sister Philip's health is better  
& that the Old man is hauled up this weather—  
Affliction seems to press me even harder than old age  
but both combined, may soon wind up my history—  
The Will of the Lord be done!  
Wife joins heartily in love to you & yours  
JW Finley

With regard to the manner in which the Radical Con-  
ference broke up in Yonerville I can give you little or no  
information for I neither attended nor could I  
learn that any of my acquaintances did, to which I  
might with prudence apply for information. But  
it was rumored thro' Town that during their session  
there <sup>was</sup> some dissensions among them rather angry  
& irreligious—You have seen the great improve-  
ment made in their Stations!—

As to "Old Nick" he seems to be a perfect drone  
here among them—No revival—(Next to no congrega-  
tion) He is well dressed—Has a fine pair of walking gloves  
— goes up to Lehigh Town (a Rad) & sits with his  
gloves on 2 or 3 hours at a time—Sister has faith—  
He is a widower!! This may all be strong for his  
own folks don't like him here.

In the Spring he is going (so said) to ~~some~~ them  
such a trick as the Devil never did since their schism  
id. est. Go off & leave them!

The Bishop of Obery in the reign of Bloody Mary  
was driven from his See & took refuge in a foreign land  
& never was restored. A wald be wit met him one  
morning with "Good morrow Bishop guondam" to which  
the bishop shortly replied "Adieu Knave semper"  
B, Guondam is gone to Circumlocution—Do you know  
any thing semper Knave?

I see bottom Adieu

JW (With Love)

WJ