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## Letter from Ezekiel Dimmit to James B. Finley

Ezekiel Dimmit

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Pale Dec 10 1808 - 666 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> Geo Clark

Dr. J. H. Smith  
of the  
Auditor's Office  
—  
Answered 16 April  
1809

Batavia March 4<sup>th</sup> 1807

My dear Brother: Through the mercy of god I and my family enjoy a reasonable portion of health and I still feel as much as ever like endeavoring to meet you in the better world, But as this is to be a business letter I must trouble you in the behalf of my neighbors and one brother in law who owns five good improved farms and has had possession of them for forty years on a survey N<sup>o</sup> 998 in the name of James Mayboud, on the East fork of little Miami River at the mouth of Loeys run. Although these men have paid full and fair prices for their lands, there is now considerable litigation about the titles; and the most material obstacle that appears to be in their way is to prove that George Clark bought this tract for taxes of Henry Massie or John Carlisle. Collector of tax for lands sold belonging to non residents - Massie first and Carlisle second in office: and their sale books will show that George Clark did purchase these lands for the tax. But as the certificate cannot be found it becomes incumbent on them, <sup>to prove</sup> that the sale was made; we will feel indebted for your kindness to have their sale books examined and when you find it, send an authenticated copy of all the proceedings in relation to the matter, in such a manner as will make it receivable as evidence in any court.

I think it was in 1802 - 3 - 4<sup>th</sup> that Massie was appointed. Please send a bill of the costs with the above copy - We expect you will find Massie's & Carlisle's books in the office of the state auditor from which



you may gather the necessary information  
Please excuse the incongruity of this letter  
and believe me to be

Rev. James B. Finley

Yours truly  
Ezekiel Dimmit

P.S. Original quantity of acres in Maybom  
survey, 1000 acres.

P.S. Please direct your letter to me, or James W.  
May; Batavia, Clermont County, Ohio —  
E. D.

Batavia O  
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Paid 5

Rev. James B. Finley  
Columbus

Ohio