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Letter from Felix Marsh to James B. Finley

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Peter March 23, 1848.

Dear I. B. Findley I acknowledge the receipt
of your very kind & paternal letter from Columbus
& thank you much for it. I reached home, on
the ~~Monday~~ ^{Friday} after you left here; and on the
following day with my little daughters
had my name enrolled in the Methodist Church
and to that, and the cause of Christianity,
I entered, by the mercy of God, to adhere during
my life. Our Court has just closed—
and I am resuming, thank God,
I would be glad to see you, & converse
with you, but in the meantime as that
cannot be for the present, please write
to me as often as you can conveniently
it will afford me great satisfaction
and when you visit Eaton again, I shall
be most happy, as will also my family
to have you spend as much time as
you can conveniently with us.
I have nothing very special to communicate, since
you were here, that is in the way of means &
Union of the daughters of Temperance was instituted
and are doing well; the Cadets are prospering
finely indeed on Temperance matters we are
going ahead finely. And this day the 2nd of April
our Township Washington has decided by a majority
of 15, against License, last spring the majority
for it. for License, & now to explain for a moment
as to the date of my letter above & the 2^d of April, well
Sir, I wrote part of the above at above date, but being
called away upon business, did not finish, laid
it aside, & have deferred until the present moment

Felix Horne

April - 1848

Rev. Amos A. Findley

Chaplain of Ohio

Washington

Columbus

Ohio

to complete it, I hope I am excusable, my rule is
to finish what I have begun, sooner or later, —
As to the vote, at the last term of our Court, many reasons
thence were sent to me from several parts of our County
against the granting of Licenses, signed by Louis
And other persons, indiscriminately, from New Paris
alone there was one Remonstrance signed by 130 ladies
in New Westville all the ladies, & all but 4 of the
voters signed another, when the applications were
made for Licenses I presented my rolls
of remonstrances, & examined our vestrymen —
And the Court after full consideration determined
that in their townships when last Spring they
gave a Majority against Licenses they would grant
none, that was the case in seven out of the 12. —
& that in those ^{other} townships where a majority of
the voters would by vote or otherwise decide
against Licenses, they would grant none —
We thought it better, to decide by vote, & we
gave fair notice in the Register that a vote
would be taken, & the result will be of in-
calculable benefit to our village & vicinity
it is a good day's work

I know of nothing here, that
would interest you, your Relatives are I believe in usual
health — & this as in most of other little villages
there is a great monotony, indeed one day is but
the history of another, & so it continues, here we long
for the excitement & bustle of the crowded city, and
when in the city we long for the peace, and quiet, re-
tirement of the country, & we find ourselves equally
dissatisfied in other things, indeed man is never satis-
fied here below — and I presume none will be
his Capacity for enjoyment is never satisfied, indeed
never fully gratified, I mean intellectually, for I presume

that there are persons who, a little, if any,
better than the beasts, plunge headlong into all the
sensual gratifications, & thus go on, until they destroy
even the Capacity for enjoyment, & then become fully
satisfied, but intellectually man is never satisfied
He is constantly desirous, & seeking to obtain
fresh & more valuable, or honorable acquisitions
(which as soon as got, are set aside) in all the varied
departments of business, and the Arts & Sciences
Notwithstanding six thousand years have elapsed
yet man is no less intellectually satisfied with
things, than he then was, but is constan-
tly seeking to improve, or make new discoveries
that may add to his credit & name & prove
useful to mankind, and he finds abundant
food for employment, there with a thousand
other reasons, from the immortality of the soul,
& that there is nothing certain, unchangeable
And true but Heaven, —

Human philosophy, notwithstanding
the many discoveries, some of which appear almost
inexplicable, is indeed indebted to Divine, or Re-
vealed law, for all its advancements, for in
no country save where Christianity prevailed
have the Arts & Sciences flourished, this again proves
not only the immortality of the soul, but that the
Bible is of Divine Origin; for all other books, and
Systems, have had an ephemeral existence & then
vanished, leaving man worse, than when they were
first propagated; here one may say, the Mahometans
is such an exception; the answer is that is based
upon the old testament, but enough of this for the present
Now please write to me often, my wife sends
her respects, & wishes to be remembered; your brother in
love, purity & fidelity Felix Marsh