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Letter from J. Mathiott to James B. Finley

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Rev. James B. Finley

Columbus

Ohio

For
J. O. McWhorter
Cincinnati Oct 16

Newark Monday Morning
October 16th 1848

Father Finley ~

It is impossible for me to attend the next quarterly session of the Grand Division which meets in your City on Wednesday ~ Our Court is in session, and hearing one side or the other of almost every cause that is tried, my clients here claim upon me that cannot be disregarded ~ And besides I am acting as prosecuting attorney of this County under an appointment from the Court ~ We take up our Criminals called this morning, which will occupy the Court most of the week. Outrages are here from other Counties ~ The business cannot be delayed, and I must remain at my post ~ I regret this state of things very much ~ I hope you will bring forward the subject, which you proposed when here ~ I believe such a plan well matured, and carried out will be most beneficial to the cause, I regret that I cannot be there to aid you in the measure ~

I shall rejoice to hear of your election

to the office of G. W. A. ~ The Delegates from this
County will be right. ~ ~

I have no particular desire to be
G. W. A. indeed I think some other person
should be selected. ~ If I should be spo-
ken of for that office, I hereby authorize you
to withdraw my name at any time you may
think proper ~ And should my being a
candidate, interfere in any way with your
election to the same office, I not only
authorize, but require, and command you
to withdraw my name at once ~

I am most anxious to see you in
the National Session next year ~ My
reasons, I have given to others ~ ~

Remember me to the brethren when
assembled ~ ~

Hoping that you will have
a pleasant & profitable session ~ I sub-

scribe myself
fraternally yours

J. M. Atherton

Rev. Jas B. Finley
Columbus
Ohio }