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Letter from John G. Parkison & Joshua Clarke to James B. Finley

John G. Parkison

Joshua Clarke

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Jasper Co. Indiana October 16th 1848.

Rev^d. J. B. Fenaly

Dear Sir I rec^d. your letter this day of 2^d Sept. /48. respecting a lot of land purchased by you of Rev^d. D. D. Davison who purchased of Anthony Casad. Stating that the purchase was made through my recommendation and because I had made the selection and entry. and also I had seen a letter from Mr. Casad stating that I selected and entered the land for Casad.

now Sir I never selected nor entered one acre of land for Mr. Casad nor was there one dollar of money of Mr. Casad's in my hands for that purpose. which I am willing to be qualified too any day. Mr. Casad's Brother selected the land & entered it without my knowledge nor did I either tell him or show him the ^{land} for the

very best of reasons I wanted the timber lot of land myself. now Mr. Fenaly I have stated the fact about the entry of the land when I found there was a mistake committed in entering the timber

lot of land I did enter it for myself and thought I would keep it as I actually need the land & will be obliged to buy another timber lot which will not be as convenient. I have ^{for me} sold the disputed lot to Mr. Moody for \$250.00 in payments. which is fifty dollars below what it is worth. & that much below what one of my own sons would be willing to pay for the same, but as the case is as it is & you say in your letter that we are willing to pay what is right or Honorable or honest so that it might be rectified ^{if} and I insisted on it you would have to pay the three hundred dollars for that would be right Honorable and honest ^{but} as the circumstances is as they are I have

felt willing to lose fifty dollars myself and I truly believe that you nor any other person acquainted with the circumstances, could think different from myself about ^{it} you say that yourself & Bro Davison must foot the bill. I have made it as light as I possibly could and were lighter than my circumstances will justify But But. Because was yourself Davison & Moody that was entangled in it was the reason that I agreed to lose what I have on the land for I shall be the looser and I know it, indeed Sir the lot is worth \$350. or 400. or ^{to me}

Because timber is an object in this country & I would not of let any other person of had it for less sum

I am Sir with sentiments of esteem your friend &c
John G. Parkison

Please drop a line to the moody, give him my Love and let him know that you have got Parkison's letter - may the blessings of god remain with you and yours
J. Clarke.

John & Catherine
Joseph County
Sept 20 1800 48

Benjamin
Davis

Recd. J. B. Fendley
Belmont of
No. 2. Monday
Cincinnati Ohio

Oct 30 / 48. Dear Brother. Finley. this Day this Letter was found in the Room where Br. Moody slept at my house and I was present at Parkersburg when he wrote the letter & knew the whole business, and the letter was unsealed. I take the Liberty. inserting a few lines. I spent 3 or 4 Days with Br. Moody in striving to get ^{himself} settled with Parkersburg; and whether or no we got it settled to your satisfaction I know not but my Dear Brother I am sure we did the best that could be done by any body. indeed it is thought here by every one that knew any of the matter that we did wonders. I need not say we for it was Br. Moody Christian Spirit, and gentlemanly conduct and prayers that did every thing. His visit was a blessing to the place and the good will appears in ^{the} Community, and was a feast to your poor old friend - give my Love to sister Finley Mr. Brooks & sister Brooks. I should be very glad to see you all, but Dispare of seeing you til we meet at Jesus feet. by the grace of god I am striving hard to gain that blest abode. I have past through more trials than I formerly thought I could. but the good one has been with me and feel that he will be with me to the end - Bless his Name N.B. it is well known here that John Casad of this place entered the Lot for his Brethren, A. Casad. and told J. H. Parkersburg that he had entered that good Timber Lot for his Brother Anthony Casad. & all the settlement painted it out as the Casad Lot and Dawson and Finley & then Moody. and he ought to make good to you & Dawson yours &c Jackson Clarke.