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Mr Jacob Miller
Columbus
Nov 49

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To Rev. J. P. Miller
Eaton " Rebel " County Ohio
NOV 20 1849

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Dear Brother " " " " " " " " " " " "

I gladly embrace the present opportunity of transmitting a few lines to you, to let you know that we are all well and feel in hopes this may find you and yours in the enjoyment of health and happiness. I have not much news of interest to send you at this time, but according to agreement when we last met I must let you know something of our progress in the temperance cause. Franklinton Division is still doing something in the great work of reform I should have wrote to you sooner but I had undertaken to start a Washingtonian Campaign for the winter our first meeting was last Sunday evening at the steam saw mill and we made a very fair start Bro. Janny. And Bro. Greiner addressed the meeting and organized our society when 43 signed the pledge our meetings hereafter will be held alternately on every Thursday evening, once a month at our hall the other meetings to be held at different places within 4 or 5 miles of Franklinton. I think that public sentiment is now waking up and I think that by proper exertion much may be done the coming winter to put

down this great evil, I should feel much gratified if you could be with us this winter but as you cannot we shall be satisfied and much gratified to hear from you as often as you can make it convenient to write. You requested me to see and to let you know how your account stood. I find on examination of the book you are about two dollars in arrears. When we last parted you told me you did not know but you should want to remove your name from our Division. I should feel much gratified to learn that you had made up your mind to remain with us at all events awhile longer. The name Jos. B. Finley must ever be cherished by us with grateful love, and respect and esteem you as the Father of Franklinton Division and we your would be dutiful Sons.

I have one more request to make of you. If you think it is not too much trouble I would be glad if you would have me the Western Fountain sent to Columbus. I believe that is the name of a Temperance paper that is now published in Cincinnati, and I don't know how or where to send to to obtain the paper. I should like to have it introduced into

our Division; and into our Washingtonian society. I think it might have a tendency to create a little more new life among us for we are Resolved to conquer and conquer we will.

If you can send me the paper I will deposit the amount that it may cost to your account in our Division.

In haste I must conclude by subscribing myself Yours in
Love Purity And Fidelity

Jacob Miller

J. B. Finley