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### Letter from D.C. Howard to James B. Finley

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Portsmouth May 28<sup>th</sup> 1858

Dear Bro Hinley

We have built, or are building, a very neat frame Church at Old Town, two miles from Portsmouth, on the Rockville Circuit Ohio Con, and we want you to come and dedicate it for us, and assist in raising about four thousand dollars, which will be needed at that time to pay up. This is a wealthy part of the Country, and the above amount will be easily raised if we can get the people together. But I need not tell you much about this part of the State, for you notice to operate here before I knew much about Methodism. Your old friends here, and the Children of those who are gone, to whom you formerly preached the Gospel, are very desirous that you should come and see them, preach for them, and dedicate their new Church.

It is on the spot of the old one, which was burnt last year. We expect to send for Bro Breighton of Prouton to preach at 3.

The time is July 3<sup>rd</sup> this. We will of course pay your fare. The dimensions of the Church are 35 by 50, a very neat building, cost about 1250.00. Now my dear Bro will you come, if you will, or will not, write immediately to me, "Rockville Adams Co Ohio".

I now close, sending you my love, and hoping you may grant our request.

Yours Bro in Christ

Rev P. B. Hinley  
Cincinnati

D. C. Howard P in Charge  
on Rockville Circuit Ohio Con

L.P. I am going to Columbus on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, and will be  
absent some two weeks. I want to get your answer before  
I leave home. But if it is impossible for you to write so  
soon, then direct your letter to G. W. Coffrin Portsmouth  
We want to publish ~~the~~ notice of the meeting in the paper  
this is our reason for haste.

D. C. Rowland.