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## Letter from Joseph M. Trimble to James B. Finley

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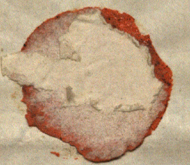


Rev  
J. H. Hamill  
Spencer

18

Augusta Ky  
Jan 6

Rev. James B. Finley  
Ridgeville  
Warren Co  
Ohio



Augusta Ky  
Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1838

Dear B. Finley

To day Br. Bascom. started to New York  
with a petition from the Board of Trustees, to the Legis-  
lature, praying for an alteration in our Charter, in several  
points. 1st That in future all vacancies in the Board of  
Trustees, are to be filled by the Conferences alternately, beginning  
with Ohio. If the Conf. fail to fill a vacancy the Board then  
have the power to fill. The Conf. are empowered to send five  
of its members, as a visiting Com- who with the Board  
of Trustees, shall appt all instructors in the college  
and the last named board can expel any member  
of the board or Faculty for immorality or malfeasance  
in office. These are some of the prominent points in  
the bill as drafted by Mr. M. Marshall & sent on to the  
Legislature. Should it pass, and all are sanguine of this  
we will have the college legitimately under the control  
of the Conferences. & if so. Shall it or not, be sustained  
Surely all parties here are willing to do all they can to  
promote its well being & make it permanent.  
The Board were very harmonious, and good natured  
in their action upon this recommendation of the Faculty.  
Much more so than I could have expected -  
Toulson had resigned & Bascom too, but this measure  
will if it succeeds, retain them both I think -  
Will you be with us in Feb. The Board meets on the  
14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of Feb. - I wish very much you & Bishop Doane could  
be here then, It will be a very important session of the Board  
on some accounts. Do try & come & bring Bishop Doane with  
you - I want to see you here on some accounts specially  
I have many things I want to say to you that I cannot say  
on paper - I have been acting P.E. in Br. Christies place on  
the end of his district. each Dr Meeting has been specially favoured  
of God in felicity the genuine work of Conversion is going on gloriously  
Several scores have been powerfully converted to God. White Oak Ct is  
beginning to blaze out in many places most cheeringly -



at George town God was with us of a truth the meeting is  
yet in progress - thirty a fortnight have been converted & as  
many received on trial. Many of the friends are on the  
mountain top Truly God was with us - I tried to preach  
four times & exhorted some during the meeting - Glory to God  
that I was ever born again - I hope in Reply to see the  
ark more forward -

You live in the memory & hearts of  
many in this region of our work - and shall we not  
all live together in Heaven, when all our toils are over  
our suffering and our pain - O that I were as I once was  
an efficient itinerant not local M. preacher - I itinerate  
some but not as I wish I could - But you perhaps say  
husk be content with your lot & do what your brethren tell  
you. I will try awhile longer -

Remember us to Sister Finley - we are all pretty well

God bless you always - even forever  
I M Finley