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Letter from Jacob Young to James B. Finley

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William Walker Please to
 send by the carrier
 some Tea in a paper
 about 1/2 lb weight
 of the best quality
 which I have ordered
 of the carrier

2nd 10/12

Rev James B. Huntley
 Upper Sandusky Ohio

George W. Huntley
 1st 10/12

James B. Huntley
 1st 10/12

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Richland County July 30th 1822

Dear Bro

I am compelled to trouble you with another letter and I hope you will pardon me for the same

I am requested to write you by Jacob D Detrick and request you to use your influence with the Honorable John McClain Esq to have the said J. D. Detrick appointed post master in the town of Lancaster which I can do with freedom & sincerely hope you will comply with the request for the following reasons 1st Detrick has at all times conducted himself well in the post office in making payment when called upon 2 he is the most accommodating post master that I ever saw and although Mr Bush in his rage tried to impugn his character he has proved himself to be an honest & an honorable man 3rd the post office was improperly taken from him & given to his neighbor & in a way calculated to hurt Detrick's character (I suspect who now holds the office is a gentelman there is nothing against him) 4th It is taking the bread out of his mouth he has no other way of making a living for his family 5th He is a liberal man & when he has money he makes a good use of it in supporting Missions & the Church of the living & good things 6th I suspect though a worthy man has his business which affords him a good living & to be a Bro thus crowned with when he is trying to do good & stand by & look on with indifference is not doing as we would be done by And know you are a brother

I am a benighted man & will help the innocent
sufferers & your friend McClain persevere, ^{the same}
good qualities & you have his confidence. Please to
write to him on the receipt of this & try to have
our suffering Bro reappointed and greatly oblige
your old friend & loving Bro. Let no one see
this letter. I have recently sent \$50.00 in
cash by Samuel Parker for Treasurer's bene-
volence you will please to give the amount as
say in your report & send of Treasurer's certificate
by Samuel Parker \$5.00. I hope your cousin
studies my other letter if you did not & will explain
me it when we meet again.

I want to see you all powerfully but I am so
weak & my horse almost starved that I cannot
come. But you may rest assured that my heart
is still in the work & I am determined to do
all in my power for that Mission. When I
have nothing to send you nor can't come to see you
I will pray for you. It appears that Springer
and his satellites are determined to kill me as
soon as they can & if Providence has delivered me
into their hands I will die contented. I have
served the Methodist Church 22 years as a travel-
ing preacher and though my talents are small
I have kept back no part of the price. I have
never sought promotion in the Church neither
here I pastored Essex Station and now I am at

Bald headed and an host has incensed against me will
the will of God be done I need not trouble you with
these things give my love to Sister Fanny let her be a
friend is a good thing with me in these evil days &
I have proved her to be a faithful friend for many
years. Remember me to Hannah Barrett tell her
I still esteem her & try to pray for her.

O Fanny I am spirit in spirit and greatly
bowed down. The Methodist Church is shaking like
a leaf in the wind. Martin Luther is to go to
the next General Conference if I do influence
will find him. Since I last saw you my mind
has been like a stormy sea & some times I have felt like
drowning all & going into my long sought haven.
I hate to play the coward part my Bro. Open your
ears & see & hear & whatever your hands find to do
do it with all your might. Adieu adieu

I am O. Jacob Dyer
Bro. James B. Farley.

As you write to Judge McClaine in closing your letter in a paper
and send it to Detroit to Lancaster that he may pay the
postage to the City of Washington. Love —