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Suttonham Washington County Ohio July 29 1851

Dear J. B. Finley Dear Brother your favor came safe to hand was great
fully received & is hereby acknowledged I surprise & surprised to receive such
a letter from you. In by gone days when you was James B. F. & I was
I of all the Ministers in North America could not have prayed in full as you
appear as you do at present This is. Grace & mercy that he should
destroy the old horn Chief by one long Thorsen If you think at
you are doubting by the Confessor you are greatly mistaken
You still have many friends both among the Presbytery the Members of
the M. E. Church & they love you much & are as willing to make
you happy as they ever were Your labors in Ohio & as a
Methodist Preacher no one will nor none can be forgotten Some of your
dear friends stand out before the public in God's service & in this
day I will name friends of them the Myra & the Myra Method
ist Book Concern is concerned in Methodism & in the
Shedden man whom God delights to honor he is called by our
Man been the Confessor & in the Methodism & in the
even on the same side But first justify the above & then you
I told you as in a letter written to you I have not seen you
We have lived long in the Church & have seen her in high prosperity &
deep adversity we have had many a long fight & many a hard fight
& many times have we been together & sometimes have we been
& our blood has got warm we have felt & seen the things
but we only have a sign like the flight of a bee from a hive
I speak straight & as can be seen again I always believe you to be
an honest man & that you were as well as I do

You ought to be a very happy man for God has done things for you
when if you ought to rejoice can men & pray without ceasing
You have long been a slave of the gospel God has been giving
you many seals You know that God loves you & the Church
Love you & it is not unpleasant to give advice it is as
the Lord will have in giving you a letter I hope you will take
it to heart & do it May yourself on your recovery

Lay aside all gloomy thoughts Go to conference then
fully & trust to create a monument over the grave of our
own William McFadden Let young members see as
they may let us treat ourselves with respect & our
dear friends because the present generation will not do
I expect but tell from young men's while they can all are
old men to forget themselves they will know him but they
look out a word is enough Brother Jeremy I am sure when
I say I love you will love you to the end of life
Give my best regards to my beloved Sister & family

I am your Brother
Rev James B. Fisk

Jacob Young