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## Letter from David Reed to James B. Finley

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Rev. J. B. Finley

Calumet  
Ohio

Recd Mar  
March 1849

Charleston March 12<sup>th</sup> 1849  
Uncle James

This line will inform you  
of the safe arrival of both your letters.  
They were to us welcome visitors and  
were treated with respect. The reason  
why we had not received yours  
first Epistle I suppose before writing  
was that it was directed to Charleston  
is instead of Charleston. But that  
there may be no mistake hereafter  
you will please direct to ~~Hammer~~  
Robert Law & Co. In this place we  
are residing with Bro. Gaule.  
You may have noticed a brief com-  
munication from me in the Advocate  
of the 12<sup>th</sup> ult. Since writing that  
additional efforts are being made to  
advance the interests of the M.E. Church  
South. But those efforts are being  
made principally in the Mountains  
and remote etc. which were but little  
expected the past year. The "plan" of  
the General Conference is no more regarded  
and in this District by the M.E. Church  
South, than it is by the Presbyterians  
or Baptists.



I want you to go to General conference  
and more, and if you vote for this  
Black fence to be kept up, why then  
I will vote for you to be kept in your  
cell Prison without an end.  
You exclaim "How I like the sick bed!"  
Well Sir, if it were not for the name  
of being P. E. I believe that I would  
just as soon be some where else.  
But you know that it is a great thing  
to have the apostolical seat in the Synagogue.  
But Sir, I am unconsoled to this work  
because I am doing a work that but  
few were willing to do. And another  
consideration unconsoles me to my fate  
I am administering to a persecuted people  
and we are labouring to give to Meth-  
odism a more lively action, and I am  
now perfectly confident that in 5 years  
from this time, the Ch. M. E. Church  
will occupy an elevation in this District  
which she has never occupied before.

The Kentucky conference bordering upon  
this District are waiting with much  
anxiety to know the result of our  
next General Conference. Every  
Ct. note in this Dis. is furnished  
with preachers from the South.

But they are a miserable set of em-  
ploys. Thompson who was suspen-  
ded in our Conference last year and  
discontinued by the conference is here;  
and Hargrave, who was recommended  
from Paul's Mouth Dis. for Elders orders  
but failed to be elected, and Antel like  
I must leave as I am just about  
to leave for Gr. M. You must enter-  
tain no fears we are doing fine

Yours  
David Bruce  
And J. B. Finley