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Letter from David Reed to James B. Finley

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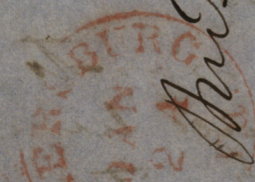
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Proserpina Jan. 23 1850

Mrs J. B. Finley

Dear Sir yours of the
 31st of Dec. came to hand by
 the cause of mails, and as you
 seem to think something is the
 matter I have chosen the earliest
 opportunity to reply. The reason
 why we have not replied before
 this time was that we had not
 your address. You spoke of being
 written two letters. You had receiv-
 ed but one. Which ~~was~~ was some
 time before you left Cambridge. And
 by the time we were ready to write
 we learned that you had left
 if intended writing to ~~I~~ Edgerton Conf.
 but neglected, I write to Bro. Morley
 but need receive any reply. Since
 which time of Oxford you were
 all doing well & I have been trying
 to do the best I could among
 the high hills of N. Virginia.

Recd
& paid
Feb 1850



 Mrs. J. B. Finley
 Boston
 Parker & Co
 Chicago

You may have seen by the minutes of the
Western Virginia Conf. that our work
was some what changed at the last Conf.
& that I am on the Popperburg Dist.
I lived in this place last year but
my work is much more convenient than
it was last year. But not withstanding
this it is still inconvenient & laborious.
My Dist extends on the Ohio River from Pt
Pleasant Mouth of Great Kanawha to
Fish Creek which is 20 miles from Wheeling.
including a distance of one hundred and
fifty miles on the Ohio River. & extending
back to a corresponding distance in the
mountains. The spirit of secession which
has prevailed in this country is not manifes-
ted in the publick attitudes as heretofore
but whenever there is any opportunity the
deep seated enmity of Southernism exhibits
itself. But we have no fears of the
final success of old Methodism in this
country. You enquire about my
intention with regard to returning to the
Ohio Conf. In reply I can only say that
I see no way of getting back honorably
and I shall not condescend to the breaking
poses of locating for the sake of getting

Back. I have marked out my course as
the only way that I can do. The Bishops
have been unable to believe as it seems
by transport. I have therefore determined
to remain until after general conference
if I cannot be transported before that
time. And then I shall locate to remain
located. It will be however a very consi-
derable tax upon me to stay until then
for the support in this country is very
limited & I have Mother & Mary to support
& also my dear Father which will not
only take all the yesterday of get but will
take all the less charge which I can
bear else when I pass it will
make me in debt.
You speak of coming in to this country
in the spring, we will be much grati-
fied if you can make it convenient to
come at conference. The Western Virginia
conference will be held in this place
the 5th of June. Can you come at that
time.

We all unite in love to you
all the family
And J. B. Finley
D. Reed