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## Letter from David Reed to James B. Finley

David Reed

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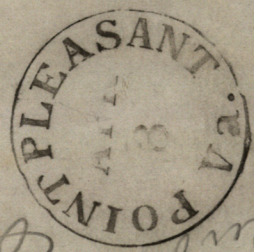
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Rev. J. B. Hinley  
Gator  
Paula County  
Ohio



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May 1852

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Point Pleasant Va. March 31<sup>st</sup> 1852.

Rev. J. B. Hinley

Dear Uncle - Yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. came to hand on the 27<sup>th</sup>. I was gratified to hear of your welfare, Aunt Hannah and Mrs. Brooks etc. I am in the enjoyment of good health myself. but cannot report so directly for my family. Hannah, Mrs. G. & Mary G. have been on the farm in Highland County Ohio since April last. They are enjoying themselves pretty well. I have not heard from them since the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month; they were then well. The only affliction worth naming which we have had the past year, is Mrs. G. has been all the time afflicted with rheumatism. She is pretty comfortable however this spring.

My time on this side of <sup>the</sup> river will wind up in seven weeks from this time at which time no preventing Providence I will return home to remain until the Session of the Cincinnati Conference (as I suppose it will then be called) Bishop Morris gave me a transfer to the Ohio Conference last June to take effect the first of June next. He said however that if the Ohio Conference should be decided, "I could find in my transfer to the division of the Conference & it would be valid."

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According to the line agreed upon by the  
Ohio Convention at its last Session I will  
fall into the Cincinnati Side of Dispute; for  
I will wish to be in the Convention which  
embraces my home. My lot will consequently  
fall among the Unionists, for I see in looking  
over the minutes, or appointments rather, that  
a majority of the fighting faculty are on that  
side. I cannot say that I am following the  
dictates of conscience, the direction of the Spirit  
or the opening of Providence in this change.  
But it seems infinitely tormenting to my  
family to remain here. The flow floated along  
in the popular current while in Ohio and  
the change from Southern Opposition in this  
country seems to match, well it may all  
come out right.

We will be much gratified with  
your promised visit. I hope it will not  
be a failure. I will be at home the  
entire Summer except I must go and see  
my old Father as soon as I possibly can.  
Annah will be gratified with a  
letter from you, she thinks you have  
forgotten her. Her address is Marshall  
Post Office Highland Co. Ohio. She  
lives 10 miles from Hillsborough.  
Mrs. Blair & Daughters formerly of Midgum  
Ohio

Warren Co. Ohio live but 3 miles from  
them. They visit & are all acquainted.

I will be glad to hear from you  
soon. My love to you Aunt H. Bro.  
Byrrobes and all the family

Yours  
David Reed