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Rev James B Finley
Putnam, Ohio

In care of Mrs. Stone

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Newark Licking Co Ohio

My dear bro Finley I have just returned from Church, (10 O'clock) and feel much jaded. but as you no doubt, are anxious to hear from us, I have concluded to write you a line. Since you left us we have had meeting every night, but two. Sometimes I have ^{been} rather discouraged. Not that we have no signs of revival, but on seeing the backwardness of the members of the Church, I have felt plainly with them. and I am happy to inform you that they are coming up to the "help of the Lord against the mighty." and victory is beginning to turn on our side. Thirty have joined, and the prospect is quite flattering; much better than it has been at any one time since the commencement of the meeting, several have professed religion, we expect to protract the meeting just as long as there is a prospect of getting souls converted should it be till next conference. I hope you will pray for us. Bro Heath is with us, he will leave on tomorrow morning, your labours during our Quarterly meeting will long be remembered, May God continue to bless them.

I thought when you left my house I should make my arrangements to be in Putnam on Monday of your Quarterly meeting, but I

think it will not do for me to have my
work. As respects the settlement between myself
and the stewards of Putnam, I know ^{not} what
to say. I am disposed to be reasonable, and
would not push the matter farther than what
is necessary to have justice done me in the case.
With these brethren I spent two years quite
pleasantly, and would not for three the amount,
suffer in my mind again, what I have suffered
in consequence of the treatment I received on
bearing them. I think I acted honorably
with them, and did for them more than they
could ask of me.

I am not disposed to bother you with my ~~off~~
affairs, as you have much to attend to, but
if this matter can be settled, I shall receive
it as a great favor, and I think it can
be done without my presence. Bro Chandler
is acquainted with the most of the particulars
in the case, and I suppose he will have no ob-
jection to do for me what he thinks is right.
If you could see him perhaps you would then
know what course to pursue.

If the steward attempt to justify themselves
with appropriating a part of my Quarterly
to the payment of house rent, on the ground that
house rent and quarterly were collected
together, you can tell them that such was
not the arrangement. An arrangement was
made to collect it so as not to interfere
with the quarterly, and when we were likely
to fail in raising the amount, the leaders
and stewards (present at the meeting when the
arrangement was made) agreed to assume the
payment of \$5.00 and some cents, each; and
in case we failed to raise it we would pay it

N.B. Please ask them how much is due me. At dinner & reports have a full.

our debts. I was one of the number and they
held me to the contract, and as I promised
to pay the amount, they took it out of my
Quarterly, Brown Bro Bucking, ^{had} three of \$10.00
and some of which a deduction was made on
the amount I agreed to pay. Bro Moon paid
his, and Bro Brown (and I think fifty cts over)
and perhaps others, but this is a matter with
which they are all acquainted.

I wish you to question ^{them} in regard to this matter
and if nothing more can be done please send me
their statement ~~in regard to the matter.~~

I also wish you to ask them how much money
remains to be collected on the subscription taken
at quarterly meeting, and if they intend to collect
it for me. Or in a word ask them if they
intend to give me any thing more, and if so,
when shall I receive it? but if not; you will advise
me what course to pursue.

I hope Bro Finley, if they do not write to me
you will get Bro Chandler to ~~write~~ ^{write}, and
give me all the particulars, and if he declines
you will do me a kindness to send me a line.
If you should find time enough to appropriate
to that purpose.

You will make what disposition of this letter
you may see proper, I intend it for you self,
that you may have some clue to the subject.

I should have given you particulars, but
you will remember what I told you when
you were at my house.

I must close. My love to all the Brethren.

In great haste

I remain yours most affec-
tionably,

N.B. Bro Stafford joined Church.

L. Weston.