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## Letter from Joshua F. Soule & T. Mason to James B. Finley

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Rev. James B. Finley  
Staubenville  
Ohio



Dear Bro. Your letter of the 29. Ult. is duly recd.  
We regret to learn that your monied institutions  
in the western country are in so bad a con-  
dition but hope the establishment of the  
United States Banks will in time regulate  
these institutions. We are glad you have been  
able ultimately to secure the concurrent mon-  
ey put into your hands by the committee.  
You think you shall make a remittance  
in May and wish to know what Western Notes  
will best answer our purpose here. In answer  
to this we would observe that Unchartered notes  
will not pass at all. The best are the Notes on  
Manitowish, Staubenville and Chillicothe. These  
Notes are from 6 to 8 per cent below par. The  
larger the denomination of the Notes the better  
for us. We presume that these Banks advance  
specie for their notes when demanded and in  
this case it is not impossible but what you  
may get Notes of some of the Branches of the  
United States Banks. If you can obtain these it  
will be much better as the discount will always  
be less there than at such a distance as this from  
the severance Banks. Should you have any con-



considerable sum on hand which is current at  
Cincinnati where we understand there is a Branch  
of the U. S. Banks it might be an object  
to forward it there for deposit and take a  
draft on the Branch <sup>in New York</sup> payable to our order  
and forward to us. This might be done through  
the aid of any of our friends in Account  
with that Banks. They might deposit it  
and then by a check obtain such a draft.  
We only suggest these things to you but  
after all shall be perfectly satisfied when  
you have done the best you can and have  
no doubt but you will always endeavor to  
do so. We find on enquiry that we can forward  
Books by Buffalo and Erie with convenience  
You will therefore give us the names of the  
persons to whom they must be sent at  
each place. With respect to the damaged  
Stock you have on hand the best thing you  
can do with it is to sell it at the best rate  
you can but at all events get it off. never  
being to keep an account of what you  
sell it for below price as the difference  
must go to your credit as profit and loss  
Relative to the Bound Minutes and Albany

Prints if you cannot sell them at their prices  
you are at liberty to reduce the price of  
each say 25. cents keeping the same account  
as with the damaged stock. It is however far  
from being supposed here that either the Min-  
utes or the Prints are high priced and it should  
be recollected that the Concern pay a great  
expense in sending Books to your coun-  
try and we hope you will do your best  
and doubt not but you will get them  
off at their standard prices.

The Magazines will be forwarded in the same  
way as the other Books except in cases where  
Persons wish them sent by mail - in this  
case the money must be sent to us in advance  
for 12. numbers Post paid with directions  
to what office they must be sent - where  
any number of subscribers in a neigh-  
borhood should wish to receive their <sup>res.</sup> in  
this way it would be easy for them to  
enclose their money to gather

New York  
Jan. 23. 1818

Yours in much affection  
J. Paul & T. Mason