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Detroit City Dec 11th A.D. 1825
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Dear brother I raise my pen in great
haste to address you a few lines
Through divine mercy I am well and enjoy
my mind well - I have done ever since
I came to this place - So are my
colleagues - We found things in bad order
when we came here - but as Bishop G.
said we are trying by the help of the head
of the church to make them better -
Yesterday was our Quarterly meeting commenced
in this ^{city} - we had a comfortable time on
yesterday & last evening. This morning we
had a very good lovefeast, The Holy fire
ran from place heart to heart,
glory be to God for what I felt, Six persons
came forward and cast in their lot with us
all of whom I think will do us honour.
Bro Baughman gave us a good preach
to day - we had a very tender & attentive
congregation - We had a good sacrament
I think good will result, & God bless
the happy day when this City - shall be
as famous for righteousness - as it has ever
been for wickedness - 2 persons arose this
morning & testified that they set out to serve
God one night that you preached in the
council house, they are happy in the
Lord,

The people talk of having a camp meeting
 in this country next May or the first of
 June, & especially if you could attend,
 my dear brother I do most religiously
 believe that if you and some of the red
 brethren would attend - & let us have
 a camp meeting together it might be the
 means of the salvation of many souls
 write me your views on this subject
 & many others by the bearer of these
 lines - next Sat & Sunday - I. Meeting
 commences at the 4th Town -
 about 40 mile from this, may God
 give us a good time Bro Finley some
 times I almost sink under my charge
 but ^{Deborah} supports me - I expect that God has
 had a peculiar design ^{in it} I have felt as
 calm in my mind since I was here as
 ever I did in my life for the same length
 of time - give me Christian love to all
 the friends - Male & female old & young
 write by Mrs Brash, - pray for me
 every day may God bless you all Hallelujah
 I expect to meet you in heaven
 I am well

Rev J. B. Finley
 William Simmons

Will Simmons
 Detroit

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