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Letter from William Simmons to James B. Finley

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Detroit Jan 17th A.D. 1826

Very Dear brother, I haste to tell you that
I rec^d your letter, but not until this week
I am well soul and body - we had a 2^d meet-
here 4 weeks ago last Sat & Sun & Sabbath
evening, I wrote you a letter, I suppose you
never saw it, we had a pretty good meeting
times are getting better here I have rec^d 10
on trial & there is not a frog among them
we have a 2^d meeting appointed here the
18th & 19th of Feb, & one at Monroe the week
before - & we would be wonderful glad if you
would attend here - at that time -
If you cannot as soon as you receive this
write & tell me the very time you, &
be here & I'll try & assist the meeting to suit
If you could come in Feb I think it would
suit better, & if you would say you would
attend the meeting at Monroe it would save
me a considerable ride, & enable me to serve
the people here, we want you here for
many things - your wisdom we wish
on the subject of the Church & C,
The friends are very anxious to see you
and hear you preach -

The people in this country are wishing for
a camp meeting about the last of May or first
of June if you could possibly attend,
please write me a good long satisfactory
letter - & tell me the precise time that
you will be here so that I can make my
arrangements accordingly - Bro^s B. & Maria
doing well I think every thing considering
for rule & order has been woefully neglected
here - Believe me I never felt a charge so
weighty - & pray for me every day -
I hope you will prosper in that region
and part of the work - give my best
Christian love and respects to all the friends
in your neighborhood White Black or Red,
two Indians are now in jail for the murder
of one in this place last Sat, The famous
Nuck & his son from Saginaw are the two
the same day 3 Indians were killed between this
and Monroe in a drunken scrape,
As apologies are current please excuse this
for it was done in much haste - remember
me at a throne of grace continually -

I am ever
Rev James Finley William Annan

