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## Letter from William Simmons to James B. Finley

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Litch City March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1826

Rev and dear brother I rec<sup>d</sup> your letter by the hand  
of brother Munroe, he stayed with us Sat & Sun  
we were extremely sorry that we had no interpreter  
however some things we could understand, he prayed  
twice on Sabbath in the publick congregation  
with life and power, and tho we could not  
understand any thing but O Lord. The holy fire  
men, through the assembly, he is now gone  
to Canada & from what I could understand  
has will be back in two or three days,  
I wrote for father Murphy to come with  
him, if he does we expect to have him  
except a congregation, Bless God for what  
he has done for these red people

The work of the Lord I think is gradually  
progressing here - the 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> of Feb we had  
a glorious Quarterly meeting here, some have  
got converted since I came to the Station  
& twenty six have been added on trial,  
but the p<sup>re</sup>sent fair is as busy as he can be -  
some times I enjoy my self pretty well at  
other times not so well, a number of circumstances  
conspire to make me say I had rather labour in  
the south - but as a son in the gospel I feel  
like going wherever I am sent, Bro Finley  
what little religion I have & the hope of getting  
to heaven is all that supports me

600  
Glorify he to God I have a hope one day  
of seeing Jesus as he is and what is  
best of all I shall be made like  
him. When let us hasten to that day when  
all shall be brought home, while  
I think on the subject my soul lings  
within me. Bro. B. & M. have both  
had a pretty severe attack of the influenza  
but are getting better I have ~~also~~ been  
been afflicted in that way - our brethren  
are doing well on the circuit, some places  
Christ is reviving his work. between 50 & 70  
have been added on trial,  
I am glad to hear that you are getting  
better, I hope that you have lost some  
drops while in the furnace, for this is  
our Heavenly fathers design in afflicting us -  
O brother Finley will you come and see us  
this season some time, come & bring some  
of your red methodists - Give my best Christian  
love to your other self. Bro & sister Brooks  
& all belonging to the establishment -  
tell them that by the assistance of grace divine  
I will try to meet them in Heaven there we will  
shout & give God Glory - when we arrive at home Farewell  
N.B. Write plainer next time & I'll write better

Rev James B. Finley  
William Simmons



If one of our brethren were to take  
to themselves on half note would I be safe  
in promising them another year on  
the circuit as not doubt he would be  
well rec? I know not that such thing  
is in agitation but I have my suspicions  
If it is so I presume it will be prudently  
Lay these things up in your own  
heart

Re James D. Smith

Bro Potter has returned  
I given us 450 dollars

W. Simmons

W. Simmons  
by W. Simmons

Recd James D. Smith  
W. Simmons  
By the testimony  
of the church  
Chas