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Letter from Robert W. Finley & Rebecca Finley to James B. Finley

Robert W. Finley

Rebecca Finley

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Dear Marriot D.
12th July
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Barnwell, Richmond County
off office State of Va

July 4th 1814 Highland County
State of Ohio

Over affectionate children your old parents are
sitting in their cottage by their selves, rolling on to their
last eternity, pleasing prospect, when the toils, fatigues,
& all the storms of life be past, & for ever fled. your mother
is still poorly, afflicted with violent pain, & considerably
swelled, but still partakes of the tender mercies of God. In
the midst of her affliction, as blessed with a tolerable appe-
tite to eat, & enjoys her Reason, & what is better a general
resignation to the will of God. I have preached more this
season, than I ever did in the same number of months
& no help, the members numerous, I was determined to die
in the harness or keep the scale poised, the struggle was
hard, but blessed be God I have lately gained the tree, &
the balance ponderated in the favor of the blessed
Jesus. On my last visit we had some meetings equal
to any I ever saw for the number of people, at one place
I tried for a hour to meet the class I did meet half of them
those out of doors. I was open the door among them a man
in wickedness, that frequently had bid defiance to re-
ligion, and all the powers of earth & sky, sat on his knees
at the first bench he came to just besides where I was, & be-
gan this prayer as follow. Lord God almighty, of all power
in Heaven & on Earth is in thy hand bind my knees to this
floor, that I may never rise till my soul is converted, I
cried Lord seat in Heaven that prayer with the blood of
Calvary. I do it was for ever hope, till he shouted vie-
tory. Then the Lamb of God, he joined society, some places

