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Letter from John P. Finley to James B. Finley

John P. Finley

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Dayton Nov 10th 1813

My dear James } I received your letter last Tuesday and
sincerely wish myself in Steubenville or some of the Towns
eastward But I fear it will be impracticable for me at
this season of the year neither would it be prudent in the
present situation of my family. We are still in the furnace
Our little boy has not seen a well day since your departure
from this place he is now reduced so low as not to be able
to stand upon his feet Your Nephew James has had another
attack he is very low and I much question whether he ever will
recover again his former illness having reduced his constitution
so much that a short sickness ^{I think} would wind up his earthly
journey. Sally is now in a low state of health but keeps about
I and the rest are in tolerable health. I should have been on
my journey before this time had I not been hindered with
the indisposition of my family. I intend to hold myself in
readiness and as soon as I am permitted I shall be your neigh-
-bor. Sally is all anxiety to be gone the children more so and
if possible I am worse than all we long to see you and
have your Society as a family on earth. I am teaching
here by the quarter and can wind up at the end of any 3
months, I am determined sooner or later to fix my family
within your reach but I think I cannot before ~~the~~ spring
shall my family so recover as to stand the travel against
Christmas I shall set off but from the prospect at present
I have no hopes. In the midst of outward affliction we
still feel Christ within I am still preaching in my poor
way every Sabbath with little success I am sometimes tempted
to lay down the trumpet and leave it for those who are
more worthy of so important a station and again I am
encouraged to go on in the name of the Lord and do what
little good I can. You have endeared yourself more to me
than ever and I hope ever to retain some expressions in
your last letter which came from a heart so full of tenderness
and I hope our mutual affection will through the blessing
of propitious heaven be permitted to enjoy a personal inter-
-course in this world This winter will pass heavily and slowly
away but we will be patient We unite in sending our best
love to you Hannah and Betsey. and beseech you to pray
for us that our faith fail not I am and believe me ever to
be your affectionate Mo until death — John P Finley

Recd James B Finley

In your next to me please to describe the way I shall come
 and tell Sister Hannah Shope to drink some of her tea before
 this time next year and borrow some of her meat too. I would
 rejoice to have a good Christmas shout with you. These things are
 too good for me Farewell farewell again farewell

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Dayton
 Nov 13th

Rev. James B. Finley

Newtonville

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