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John P. Finley

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My dear James { On yesterday I arrived at this place
after a journey of 21 days All well except, Betsy and
James. Betsy has not walked any on her foot. tho, the
swelling and inflammation are entirely gone Yet there is
such extreme debility in the parts, that she cannot use it
in walking. On yesterday, James in attempting to ascend
from the ground onto the waggon, slipping, fell and received
a dreadful bruise by reason of the wheel running over his
foot. He slept little last night, but seems better today
We landed at Cincinnati on the morning of the tenth day
after we left Sturtevant. In an hour I had sold my
boat and employed a team to convey me so far as Dayton
We got there on Monday and stayed eight days. I tried
to preach three times. On Tuesday night I held forth to a very
crowded audience. A time of great quickening indeed. On
Saturday at one O'clock (after being invited by the Clergy) I preached
in the Presbyterian Meeting house. to as it was supposed 1600
people of the Town and its vicinity. God was with me of a
truth, tears and groans, were on every side. and such a
season I have not lately seen. I preached again at night in
our own house and Meeting broke at midnight. I had
hard work to get through Dayton. I supposed I never
should have been here if a certain letter from there had
reached me in time. They made great offers indeed
but I considered myself bound to Johnston. The
Presbyterians gave me 10\$ for preaching for them
I am much pleased with this country the land round
this town equals the land round Lexington K. C. but the
Town is small, and probably may not be much larger on the
account of saving the barrenly sect. But I had rather live here than
where the barrenly sect is. This situation is high and healthy
a very handsome site and well watered. The trustees have
bound themselves to give me \$500 paid quarterly, I am
truly pleased with Johnston. He is certainly among

The most intelligent of Mrs. A steady person and a good
Christian. He says there is first rate land to enter within 2
3-4 miles of his house. I think now is our time. The ground
I have in land is large enough for my tools, we want
some out lots, which we can get, and land will be obtain-
able if exertion is made soon. George Dehman owes me
\$88.17 principle &c. I left the note for you to collect it for
me. which I wish you to do immediately and send it on
and ^{now} ~~decear~~ is worth five after a while. I want you to
give him credit for the amount of the draft Mr Wells gave
me \$100 I received it according to expectation - You had better
come and see this place before you make any moving arrangements
I cannot tell how matters of religion may be. But God is able
of the very stormy to raise up children unto Abraham
Living is higher at present than it has been for some time
owing chiefly to population. emigrants from different
parts have flocked to live in this rich region. Flour is 2.50
per bushel. Corn 3 1/2 per bushel. Bacon 9-10 cents per lb. fresh
beef 3 cents per lb. Butter & eggs are a great deal
dearer plenty for 12 1/2 cents per lb. If any one should want land
and health, they are here. And I suppose that there is the making
of as good society here as any where. You may tell sister Hunter
Wellman that Rachel is very well and well contented And that
I think as much of her as if she were my own sister. Rachel
sends love to them - If you can sell your property for any thing
near the worth of it, and purchase here (land) you would be
much the gainer by it, I intend to settle here for a while, any
how, and would be happy with your society if you could
like the place. You may tell bro Deane he shall hear from
me by the third week in June, according to promise. I want
you by all means to come and see for yourself. If I had old
beastle Island only to lay one or two eggs here I think it would be
a grand acquisition. If I had A. S. & B. L. together with your
self I could do well - I expect to commence school
on Monday next - I shall not get into my own house
for some time, tho I shall have no rent to pay, they pay all rents
I want you to write to me soon and let me know how you
do - Sally joins me in sending love to you and Hannah not
forgetting Eliza I am with every sentiment of affection
your brother until death John Shirley

My hands are so sore that I can scarcely write or
hold a pen Remember me to all who may inquire
for me Adieu
John Shirley
Rev James B Shirley

Sell my stove if you can, and if you cannot, I wish you to exchange
it for a wood stove and send it to Connecticut. But rather sell it if you
can. push for my money from Dehman I must have
it soon I want to get an out lot that lies near road Pay for us
William early for you every morning, the first thing, write to me
soon I long to hear from you