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Piquette

Rev. James B. Finley

Leavenworth

Ohio

Piquette March 10th 1819

My dear James

By the east Mail I recd your letter the 15th ultimo. I rejoiced greatly at your prosperity and the success of your District charge. I pray that the sacred influence may be extended from pole to pole.

I had just returned from Dayton, O. and surely the mighty God of hosts was present of a truth. I had the unspeakable pleasure of spending that meeting in the company of Bishop G. George. I can assure you it was certainly one of the most pleasant seasons of my life. He was so good as to visit my habitation he tarried with me last night in company with bro. Bruce and S. Brockmeyer. I shall if spared have the happiness of being with him on Saturday and Sabbath in the Town of Troy. Your mind would scarcely rise by conjecture to that summit on which I have placed him. He has taken the laurel from his superintending colleagues where he has been in the West. There is a ~~poor~~ poor prospect for religion in this village tho we have a small flock and you may be assured they are good. I expect to continue here some time. The place is healthy, very pleasant, and promising. I have almost a notion to buy you a cat ~~made~~ but perhaps you would not like it. I think most sincerely that there is no better place for your

earthly concerns than this. There is not a doubt but
there will be a Land Office in this place, for part of
the lately acquired territory - the new country will soon
be opening for market, and then I think there will be
some chance for you, myself, and others. Lots in
this place are low, and the site very delightful indeed.
There is not a local Preacher, save myself and one more
within 20 miles of this place. I am this year well and that
we can have full scope - I rec'd a letter from J. W. Campbell
totally he says he will do what he can for me to get a
birth in one of the Land Offices, and that he thinks my
chance pretty good. Bro. Johnston will do what he can for
me - I suppose the Officers will be appointed next September.
Should I get it I shall do well for this world. I see
it all to God - I rec'd a letter from George Gibbons. I
have written two to Bro. Sutherland and rec'd no answer.
I requested him to clearance a little for me - Tell him
I still expect that he will answer me - I am still stri-
ving for heaven above all things for a lot among the
disciples of Christ Jesus - My dear James you must
pray for me that I may ever be faithful. I calculate
am going to be persecuted and if I change my mind I
will suggest it before the time - Sally joins me in
sending our best love to you and Hannah & Elizabeth
and all inquiring friends. I am yours forever
J. P. Finley

I do want my money from George Badley
I wonder if he will pay it. If he does not when
he returns - I do say send him immediately and make
it safe, I do not think that he could grumble at
this. Perhaps the old Lady would pay the balance
before he comes back - Strive to get it - for I say
unto you that many shall seek and shall not be able
then I say strive - I do not hardly know what
I shall do without it - Some Lawyer from
your section of the country left a bad report of
you at George W. Barrer's store where, the wicked in
that place were handing it about - Sister Wilkin
was up in arms against them, when Mr. Brum
was there she told him of it, He told her it was
a lie. for he had just rec'd a letter from Springer
your stationed preacher who had ^{spoken} highly of you.
Bro. Brum this morning requested me to let you
know it. The Lawyer said that you had sent some
preacher some distance from home and while
he was gone occupied the place of a husband
with his wife - Brum could not tell me the
Lawyer's name. I want you to write to Barrer's
for the person's name and what they said against
you - and if I could get hold I would make him
smoke for it. My very cordial regards forever I do
long to see you more of all things I am
J. P. Finley