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Letter from John P. Finley to James B. Finley

John P. Finley

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Piquette

Rev. James B. Finley

Mount Pleasant

Ohio

My dear James } Piquette, Ohio, June 3. 1819

What is the matter with you I have not received a letter from you for six months I cannot conjecture the cause. We are well in tolerable health, people all healthy, times pretty hard and very dull. I heard yesterday that you now reside in Mount Pleasant I fully expected that you would not buy until you had seen this place. I would be very glad to get a letter from you. Will you come and see us this season. I am afraid you will not. What time will you start to Berea and what road will you take. I suppose you will go by the nearest course. Will Hannah and Eliza have to stay behind you again this year I am afraid they will. I went to see you and took all my family and staid eighteen months you ought I think at least to think toward us once a year

The Land Office is fixed here, and I am
struggling to get the place of Register. If I do
I shall fix here for life. If I do not
succeed I cannot tell what I shall do, I am
determined to change my occupation, I had
rather be a circuit preacher than any
thing else. A few days past I had come
to this conclusion, to sell my house and to
buy a two horse Wagon and team, and to
be determined never to own any more of
this world's goods, and if the Conference would
not have me, to cast myself upon the world
go from place to place and preach the
ever blessed name of Jesus. But I have
backstiders, I want you to do all you can
for me to get a place in the Land office
I want you also to take the balance of
what George is owe me, which is perhaps
\$50 principal and interest, in shape of the
factory if you can get it. Two coat patterns
and some pantaloons stuff and bring it with you

William grows fast and is a fine boy
John learning fast, James a good
boy. Sally sends much love to
Hannah and Elizabeth, Pray for
us continually that we may
ever be faithful unto death
I am yours forever
John Finley
Rev James B Finley

This is the meanest letter I ever wrote you
I believe Much love & great haste