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## Letter from John P. Finley Jr. to James B. Finley

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I am very sorry to hear that Aunt is unwell  
 but hope that the Country Air will restore  
 her Health to the early blessing which we can't  
 have while on Earth. as I have no more  
 Rome I will have to conclude I am your  
 affectionate Neptun  
 J. B. Finley }  
 Cincinnati

John Finley Jr

Rev James J. Finley

Cincinnati

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Dr. Finley's  
 Mr. Finley's

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 Dayton April 24<sup>th</sup> 1831

Dr. Finley

I would have wrote sooner but  
 I heard you were in Dayton and was in hopes  
 you would come up and via not know to the  
 contrary until Mr. Cheever came up he informed  
 me that you had returned to Cincinnati and I  
 concluded to wait till he went down before I wrote  
 Mr. Phillips has broke his word which he had plea-  
 -ged to me the circumstances are too long to write  
 they have turned me off after he had promised  
 to keep me till I was of age and then to use his  
 own words he would do well by me he has  
 done just as you said he would  
 I have staid one month with James Cheever  
 in his Father's Store at 88 p. month But would  
 not stay any longer on such terms  
 there is no situation in this place for me or  
 in Troy knowing you were well acquainted in  
 your City I concluded to write to you to see  
 if you could procure me a situation in your  
 or a place in Cincinnati I would wish to get  
 in a store that is doing a good business



of a Good Character but I need not  
tell you of this as I know you would be as  
Cautious as any Person I Examine those  
points I would not like to go into a ~~Store~~  
Wholesale Store where they were in they are  
in the habit of selling Whiskey or Spirits of any  
kind by the small as they in many such  
shops in the place I would not like to stay  
for less than 10 or 12 \$ a Month they borrow  
the But as you will know what is best  
You will act upon your own Judgment in  
this matter as you have 20 times as much  
Experience in wool as I have

I have served four years for nothing  
But would not do it over again for a  
Ducat My Support has been in hopes  
of being able to put my Mother in a  
situation where she would <sup>not</sup> have to work her  
Eyes out to school and support the family  
knowing my Motives were pure I thought  
I would have unbounded success in all  
my undertakings But have been sadly disappointed

Some of my Friends wished me to write to  
Phillips but I will try every other means in my  
Power Before I reply to him I may be  
wrong but I think not I think it arose not  
from a revengeful Spirit he has  
Injured me and broke his word to me  
Therefore I wish to have nothing more to do  
with him

James was in and I saw one for days  
with us he has been very well all winter  
he is as fat as Dr Gatta your Colleague was  
when he was in Gay at a Quarterly Meeting 2 or  
3 Years ago he weighs 195 lbs tolerable sense  
Will attend Commenca Monday with Mr  
Thompson to say at the Bar for the time  
Mother has had an offer of her place  
she gave 300 \$ and has been offered 400 \$  
Our Friend Alice I see sees Mr Gordon  
advise her to see it she wants your op-  
pinion of the matter as you are better  
acquainted with the matter than she is you  
will please write soon as possible over