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Debtors Phe County Ohio March 2. 1839.
Dr. Uncle Samy.

Through divine mercy we enjoy a tolerable degree of health with the exception of myself. My general health is good. but I have been confined to the house several days with the influenza but after taking medicine find myself better and intend taking my appointment tomorrow. When I was at Lima in January I brought Parker home with me. with the intention of sending him to school but have been disappointed. Since he came here he expresses a wish to learn a trade and has commenced with Bro Kinkaid. who has joined society since you left here. This course I know Mother will oppose she wants Parker to go to College. and says she will go to Angustus and board him. It is in vain to expect that Parker at this age having his settled habit of idleness confirmed, will ever make a scholar he has been going to school ever since his 7th year. until with in two years past & he made no proficiency he is right a very indifferent hand and has a perfect aversion to reading except novels. he is dissatisfied with John; and says he will not attend; and if Mother will not consent for him to learn a trade now. he will after he becomes of age. You are his guardian & nothing can be done without your consent Bro Kinkaid proposes learning him the tanning business and give him the off sale of the yard such as hogs. tates & glue staps. with the privilege of buying small things for three year service as an apprentice.

I wish you to write to me immediately and say what course I shall take if Parker goes to a trade here. I have no doubt but what he will stay he is well pleased with Kinkaid and with the family where he boards. Kinkaid is a single man and is well.

recommended by Porter & others, he purchased the yard
that was owned by the Co. of Porter & Turner.

Our religious prospects on this circuit are encoura-
ging. we are not taking many into society, but ~~and~~
some of those who joined last year are getting reli-
gious. And we hope that by divine grace we may
be able to strengthen the determinations that have
been formed. Our 2nd 2. M. was held in this place
the 12th & 13th of Feb. and it is said to have been the
best ever held here 21 were added to the Church
on probation. Father 2nd was in usual
health. I attended the 2. M. at Portsmouth
this was also a profitable time for Turner's report an
increase of 50. since conference. Chilcote is also
prospering. I saw Dr. McD's family last Sat. morning
they were well & complaining that you did
not write to them.

I feel more than ever determined to give
myself to the work of the my Master. I think
my religious enjoyment has been very much in-
creased since I came on this circuit glory to
God I feel the comfort of religion in my heart
every day. and for several weeks past I never
engage in devotional exercises whether pub-
lic or private without feeling the comfort-
ing influence of the Holy Spirit in my
heart and we are looking for more glorious displays
of God's power: we certainly have some very good
seeds of a revival of the work on our circuit.

Pray for us.

Fidelity & Parker join us love to you.
And Aunt with all the family, please remem-
ber us to them. Yours affectionately

Geo. E. Finley

Samuel W. Finley

James W. Finley