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are to come from, I cannot tell.
Pennsylvania will vote for Jackson - Adams
would beat Clay in that State with ease
- so he would in Virginia, and all south
of that State.

My family joins me in love to you and
yours. Remember us, in the midst of your
forests.

Rev. James B. Finley

John Adams

John McLean
June 27 1824

George Tabor

27 June 1824

My dear Sir,

We were all much disappointed
at your not returning by this place from
Conference. Before this, I presume you
have joined your Indian family, and
are in the possession of those pleasures
which arise from a communion with
the simple hearted followers of Christ.
William Blair, about two weeks since
arrived here, with his family. When
he left Ohio, his little son John had the
hooping cough, and he continued to get
worse, until his arrival here. The child's
lungs were seriously affected, and the
exertions of the Physician could not
arrest the progress of the disease - He
sunk under it, last Monday night.
My family enjoy their ordinary health.

I was gratified to find, that your conference prospered without those difficulties which were anticipated. Doct. Jennings and some others seem determined to continue the disposition to reform, by commencing a publication in Baltimore, similar to the Wesleyan Repository. But as their zeal, is the result of party feelings and, I fear, not from a higher source, their labours will not be successful. They will find, if I mistake not, the expense greater than the profit.

Your friend Calhoun often enquires after you, and expresses towards you a most friendly feeling.

The presidential contest has lost nothing of its interest. The friends of the different candidates were equally confident.

I find Clay has many warm supporters in Ohio. Will not Adams run well?

Through the malignity, I fear, of Vance, Clay

seems to have imbibed a strong prejudice against me. I presume he is mortified that I should not be numbered amongst his most active supporters.

I am confident that I have been greatly misrepresented to him, but, my feelings will not suffer me for a moment, to take any step to propitiate, and should he succeed, he may gratify Vance and Davis to the extent of their wishes. How I have incurred the displeasure of these creatures I do not know. Of one thing I am satisfied that I have never inflicted on either, the slightest injury, in any form. Nor do I now wish to injure them.

Mr Adams I think will be elected - He is a virtuous and an intelligent man. All New England is for him, without a dissenting vote - New York, I think, will vote for him, so will New Jersey, Delaware, and the greater part of Maryland. Should Ohio Indiana and Illinois support ^{him}, his success is certain. Clay may succeed, but where his votes