

Ohio Wesleyan University

Digital Commons @ OWU

Finley Letters

James B. Finley Letters

8-18-1828

Letter from Thomas A. Morris to James B. Finley

Thomas A. Morris

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.owu.edu/finley-letters>

Recommended Citation

Morris, Thomas A., "Letter from Thomas A. Morris to James B. Finley" (1828). *Finley Letters*. 1001.
<https://digitalcommons.owu.edu/finley-letters/1001>

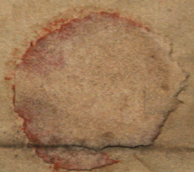
This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the James B. Finley Letters at Digital Commons @ OWU. It has been accepted for inclusion in Finley Letters by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ OWU. For more information, please contact earutigl@owu.edu.

Louisville K. Aug. 18th 1828

My dear Bro.

As the time of your Conf. draws near it is time I was leaving my plea to you for a time or two on the Subject of my transfer. I would ^{like} to have an appointment in the State of Ohio and the doctrine of making no choice for myself has long been cherished by me as one essential to a travelling preacher's success among the Methodists. At the same time my representatives ought to have full knowledge of my case to govern them in their nomination for me. Then I wish to say 1. My business in the Green River Country is not closed & will probably cost me a trip in the course of 12^{or 15} months thither. And besides I expect to leave an daughter with sister Jones in Shelbyville to finish her education, all of which in view of time to be lost & money spent would be in favor of my laboring some where in the west end of the Conf. 2nd A City life I fear would be dangerous for my wife. She has been long threatened with a pulmonary. And the confinement & air of a city disagree with her. And on the contrary the long tours of a district are too severe for her strength. The exercise she gets on a Circuit appears to suit her best. I am myself better pleased ^{with} it than either of the others. However I do not wish to be understood as refusing any appointment in the State of Ohio west of the Big Sister River at the upper end I was born out of you ago. I hold to the doctrine

Shaw
of A. Moore
1828



1017

1828

99 3/4

22 9/16
14 00

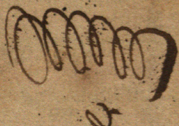
1856



2 04
1 35 - 69
64 91

Rev. James B. Finckley

Lebanon Ohio



Stair

of going "into all the world" But I mention my temporal affairs
mainly to enable you to make a suitable arrangement of the
matter. I presume Bps. Roberts & Seale will both be at your
Conf. if so there can be no legal obstructions to the transfer.

Should Bp. Seale not be there; if you will send me an opinion
I give me notice thereof I please myself to give it (Presidential
afflictions only excepted) and calculate to be ready to start both
immediately on the adjournment of the Ky. Conf. at Shelbyville
and what little time I may be obliged to lose afterwards, I am
I shall be managed to the least possible injury of the work
given me — My health is good & I am free. And I am
resolved by your desire to be a plain thorough going Method
preacher
at which with me is far more desirable than to be a
President or a King — A Washington or an Alexander.

Times here are tolerable only — This will be a fruitful
Season in our Conf. we hope to meet 4000 members.

The Presbyterians are raising some fog in their state but
they have not much "depth of Earth" I wish some weather.

They put me in mind of a goat that took a position on
a Cart wheel & looking behind said see what a dust I have
raised. — Perhaps you can send me a few lines from Chillicothe
to Madison as I expect to be there before their Conf. closes.

Respectfully yours

Rev. James B. Finley

Thos. A. Morris