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## Letter from Thomas A. Morris to James B. Finley

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Richmond Va. Feb. 21 1838.

My dear Brother,

Your favor of 9<sup>th</sup> inst. has just been received, and is welcome, more than welcome. While in this land of Strangers, it is very grateful to my feelings to receive a letter from an old friend. I am glad that your book is like to appear soon, and trust it will fully meet the expectation, which has been raised by a notice in the N. C. A. Some time since that it would appear he published. Why? Western people depend wholly on the East for their reading when they have ample materials, and abilities of their own?

The accounts which I have received from you and others of the work of the Lord in the West, is truly encouraging and consoling to us all, and reminds us of the glorious times of refreshing which we enjoyed five years ago in that country. After such trials as you passed thro' last year, it must be truly reviving to your heart to drink of the River of God's pleasure, which now flows down the Mi. Valley. I am glad that the Lord has let you live to see and enjoy one more revival before your final discharge; but as you seem to move under high steam pressure, I fear your little boiler may collapse, and leave you powerless ere you are aware of the danger. I refer to your health.

In the South the prospects of Methodism are pretty fair. There has been some increase in all the conferences which I have

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Attended on this tour. Beside attending the Sessions of Conferences, I have passed pretty extensively thro' the work in the South, touching at least on the many of the prominent points, and in a goodly number of places found the good work advancing. The next edition of the general Minutes will show a handsome increase of members. The spirit of Missionary enterprise in all the Southern Conferences this year, exceeds any thing before witnessed among them. And the condition of our Church would now be healthy & vigorous, were it not for the Abolitionists of the North, whose wicked course threatens her dismemberment.

Your message to bro. Early has been delivered, also the letter you sent him, and he will write you on the subject.

Please tell bro. Asa B. Strong, I saw his father and brother in Petersburg last week, and the family were well.

The Va. Conf. Conf. commenced to-day, and it is only by appropriating one of my sleeping hours that I have an opportunity of writing this hasty Scrawl. It is now a late hour of the night, and I must close. Please remember me to your family, and to Bro. Saul, and the brethren who may enquire for me. It is five months to-day since I left my family. If Providence permit, I shall reach home early in April, to remain however only for a short time, as I have to be at Troy Conf. 6<sup>th</sup> of June, where I commence my summer and fall Campaign. To that tour I look

with some concern, but do not intend to cross the river till I get to it. I shall need, and hope to receive sustaining grace, thro' the merits of Christ and the prayers of the <sup>church</sup> thro' I feel sumably my weakness & unworthiness. Please remember me to the mercy seat.

Yours with esteem and confidence  
Rev. J. B. Finley  
Thos. A. Morris