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## Letter from Mordecai Bartley to James B. Finley

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G. Sumner  
 Bartley  
 Aug 1846

Mansfield 17<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1846

Rev. J. B. Finsley

My Dr. Sir.

Your kind letter of the 12<sup>th</sup>, was received. For the information it gives, please accept my thanks.

I regret to hear that Glascock is in ill health or dejected; I think he should not know he is dejected when he has the promise of being liberated before the close of the present year, & so far as health is concerned, there are few places where a sick man can be better attended, than in the Hospital provided for the sick in the prison. I should be pleased to see this unfortunate man at liberty, & do expect, should I live so long, to see him sent home to his family, before the close of the present year. Yet, I regard the act of pardoning a man, who a Court & Jury of his own country have legally decided, that his punishment should continue during his life in this world. As great as I feel the responsibility, he will be liberated as I have promised; & I do hope he will not violate his resolution, & return to habits of intemperance.

I contemplate being in Delaware some time next week, & before my return, shall be in Columbus a few days.

Conference is still in session. It is said there is a general attendance of Preachers. I am told that the small Town of Ashland is much crowded. This day, the Court of Com. pleas, will commence in the



Town; whether all can be accommodated in the  
village is rather problematical. I shall be there perhaps  
today & tomorrow, but if accommodations are not easily  
obtained, shall return in the evening. Two Preachers  
were sent to labor in this place, during the Sabbath.  
One preached at our Church, & the other at the  
Congregational, in the morning, & vice versa in the  
afternoon. It is supposed the Gov. will adjourn  
on the Wednesday.

I am sorry to hear that there is  
sickness in the Prison, but hope that its ravages  
may soon be stayed by the power of an Omnipotent  
Being, who can kill & make alive.

Very respectfully & truly yours

W. Bartley