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## Letter from Mordecai Bartley to James B. Finley

Mordecai Bartley

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Manassas Sept. 25. 1846

Rev. J. B. Finley

My Dear friend

Yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> is just  
received. Your former letter on the same subject,  
was received about a week since, after reading it,  
I did suppose that Mrs. Hall had returned home.

I sincerely desire to do my duty in the  
Executive office with fidelity, but owing to the earnest  
solicitations, <sup>&</sup> importunities of the friends of many of the  
Convicts in prison, I have found it extremely difficult  
to do so. My sympathies have, no doubt, in some  
cases led my judgment, & caused me to liberate  
persons from prison, who should have remained  
there. From what I collected from your first letter,  
& elsewhere, I came to the conclusion that it would  
be the most safe for Landspin, as well as for his  
Mother & Sister, to remain in prison, at for some  
time yet. I should be pleased to hear some further  
proof of a reformation in him, before he obtains  
a pardon.

Please advise Mrs. Hall to return home,  
& when I return to the office & see you, I will if  
possible give him a pardon. I think I shall be at  
Columbus in the course of two or three weeks.

Respectfully & truly yours M. Bartley