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Letter from William Logue to James B. Finley

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Sumerville
Dec 21
Rev. James B. Finley
Columbus
Ohio

Mr. M. Pogue
Dec 1846

Post Office

Sumerville Ohio
Dec 19th 1846

Rev. James B. Finley
Esteemed and aged Bro
I Received your Letter ⁱⁿ November Boreing Date 25th
and was much pleased to ^{hear} from you and as you
was not at Columbus I did not hasten to right
and Answer you, thinking that I would give you
time to get back again, Now Bro Finley I will say
that I am thankful to you for your kind wishes
for me and my family and I do pray that
God ^{may} bless you and aid you by his holy spirit
that in the discharge of your duty to those
poor Convicts in prison he may cause those
harts to melt as wax before the word with ^{may} your
deliver for their benefit and while you are
labouring for those souls may God fill your
hart with the Unction of the holy Ghost
Now Bro Finley I do thank God that I am
Enabled through mercy to Inform you that
I am on board of the old Ship yet and am
an able Bodied man able to do duty
below and a Left both sides and a Midship
and some times when I am a Left I feel much
like Crying out Land O for it seems
as though I can all most discern the light
that Illuminates the Entrance into port

you wish to of me if I would might give
my life as you think it might be beneficial
to young ^{men} and particular that part on board
a man of war In this request of yours I wish
you to excuse me for not complying
with it for I have stood on the prairie
of a seventy four and have seen his most
nobly meeting the proud swells and dashing
them off from him and forcing his way
through them, I have then went aft
and lookt for his wake and saw
the swells of the ocean clearing in and it
was lost and gone, and so my Bro I
wish my life to be that was upon
the worlds ocean but the life that
I now live in Christ-Jesus I wish
to shine as the sun at Meridain
forgetting the things that are behind
and pressing on toward the mark
of the prize of my high calling
in Jesus a few more storms my Bro
and I shall make the port and I
pray God that I may meet you and sister
Finley around the throne of our
Blessed God I wish you to write to me
again &c.

your Bro in Christ
Wm Logue