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Letter from Daniel Brusman to James B. Finley

Daniel Brusman

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Rev. Finley
Columbus
Franklin County Ohio
Feb 13
Little York Ohio

at the State
Prison

Daniel Brimmer
Prison Doctor
Feb 1847

Little York February 4th 1847
Friend Rev. Finley

I have arrived safe home I got home the next Day after I left you I found my family in good health and glad to see ^{me} and my friends were glad to see me Friend Finley there was grate joy here the same as a lost sheep I thank my god that I am on the banks of freedom ~~a~~ wonst more and that I am a free man I am liveing a better life than I ever I lived and I thanks my friends for there kineness and I live happy with my family and have no strive with my ~~neighbours~~ friends and nebour I am at work in my old establish ment and expect to cary on larg in a genst spring if I am spard friend Finley I would like to se you I found all my property safe all but a few things that was not much account I will get along better now than ever and one more ~~business~~ than ever I will informe you of the flood in our town the ~~that~~ half of Little York was under woter the woter came up to the publick pump at the Tavern the came with shifts and flats to the pump with people frome the Dwelings ~~which they lost it~~ ~~have~~

the ~~loerend~~ of town was all under water
hiks has lost a grate log by the flood
and so has the rest of the town folks
our Bridge is gon it was rebilt in the fall
bran new friend finley I will informe you
of our grate reviley at Concord meeting
house a few weeks ago it lasted for
two weeks there was a grate number converts
there is a grate change in Little York it
seems like a new town the number ~~that~~
that joine the Church is 50 in number that
joine at this revival there is no speeing and
drinking and rowdying in town the way it
youst to be the young foulds it ~~peer~~ to be
in harmony together and ~~not~~ walk hand and
hand together no noise in the streets ^{night} and
sundays the way it woust to be all sosabillaty
and friendship friend finley I wish you to
Answer my letter if ^{you} please and informe
me of you helth and of all maters and
circumstances and if you ^{have} wrote to Dayton
on maters we spoke of when I left you
on temperence and who you wrote to Answer
in you next I had a cold night of coming
to Dayton after I left you I was nerly prose my
friend finley I must close my letter ~~letter~~
for the present hoping this will find you
in good helth ^{and} hoping to hereing of you in

A short time write to me how the prison
is coming on I feel for for my fellow men and
my god bless there ~~there~~ soles and may your
payers and preashing ~~go to~~ go to heven on there
behaf and may you do good for them I belive
~~there~~ there must be some good men there may god
bless there soles and may god convert every
man that is in that prison thanks be
to god for our priveledge we have in this world
and better in the next world if we live a
Cristian life farwell for the present time
affectionattely your Friend

To Rev^d Finley

Daniel Brunsman