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## Letter from Peter Swinehart to James B. Finley

Peter Swinehart

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Cincinnati June 23<sup>d</sup> 1847

Rev. J. B. Finley, dear brother,

Expecting to see you at the Methodist book concern this morning the 23<sup>d</sup> but on making enquiry I was informed you would not be present, I have therefore taken liberty to write. The Governor being in town several of my friends (among which is brother John Reeves) have conversed with him respecting Peter's case, who said he would pardon him if a petition was drawn up setting forth his age and the particulars attending his case with a few responsible names as signers, which was all done yesterday the 22<sup>d</sup> and I have no doubt the Governor has now the petition in his possession. I would ask one favour of my friends and it is this, to see the Governor as soon as convenient after his return to Columbus and ask him to pardon our son now, that he will pardon him before his time is out we have full assurance, but we want him now if possible.

our hearts ache for our dear son we want to see him home once more

I want him to come home by way of the Rail-Road for which I have enclosed a five bill to pay for his passages. Tell Peter that his letter of 13<sup>th</sup> was rec<sup>d</sup> but <sup>it found</sup> my sick and mother not very well.

Deeter Swinheart

J. B. Finley

Rev. J. B. Finley Chaplain  
of the Ohio Penitentiary

Columbus Ohio

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Swinheart  
June 1847

