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## Letter from George D. Hendricks to James B. Finley

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1848

Rev. J. J. Indlay  
Columbus  
Ohio

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Kind Friend:

By perusal of a letter recently rec<sup>d</sup> by Mrs. Phipps from her unfortunate and dying brother J. G. Ward, I learn of his illness. In it he informs his distressed relatives, that recently he was "attacked with bleeding of the lungs." This has alarmed his relatives very much - and well it might. For the same attack has been fatal, shortly preceded the death of a father, a brother and three sisters. And from my own knowledge of the family (their pre disposition to pulmonary affection) I believe Grimes' race on earth is near its close - if his statement is true - so believe his relatives & so think the Physicians who were familiar with the deceased members of the family. They were generally as healthy in appearance as was Grimes when I left him at the Prison - but soon - very soon, after the first attack, all were ~~seen~~ numbered with the dead -

Please inform me at your most early convenience about Ward's present illness & his present health. If on the decline, he should be released - Mrs. Phipps acts, in this matter, as a good sister should. Originally she wished the guilty punished, - she now forgives - and desires fondly to receive him home - & cheer up her dying brother - And is willing, yes, anxious to have him end his days, by the side of their thrice afflicted mother - that he may constantly receive that kind attention his condition demands (and which, none other save a mother or a sister can so sweetly bestow - She further informed me that "If he can be of no service to the State, she does not wish him to be a brother -

Rev. J. J. Indlay

Yours Truly  
Geo. D. Wendricks



Gov. Marsh informs me of your suggestion about  
a Mr. Thompson's boarding house - For him it  
would be perfectly safe to make arrangements  
if life is spared, as he will have no opposition.  
But for me, it would be pre-mature, but  
should my arm of good luck continue &  
I be one of the "elect" - I shall certainly take  
great pleasure in complying to all reason-  
able requirements of one whom I should  
ever be proud to recognize as Bishop of  
the "Miami Tribe"

Respects to the Warden and my friend  
M<sup>c</sup> - Also Bro. Thompson -

Rev. J. H.

Yours  
Ever truly J. D. M.

P.S. The camp meeting continued one week -  
The best of order was observed throughout -  
Every thing went on harmoniously - some 200  
were added to the church -

In Politics - I think Gro's Majority will be  
about 800 - Geo. Marsh 3500 - Miami from  
300 to 1000 - owing to some peculiar circumstances  
Gov. Taylor from 400 to 600 - I fear these are the  
best figures - I see the Whig ticket I think will  
succeed - Walker the Candidate for Hff. unless  
receives the free Whig vote - because of Sampson  
as his opponent -

J. D. M.