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## Letter from J. Hunt Jr. to James B. Finley

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Chilo. Ohio.

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1848.

Rev. Mr. Finley:

Dear Sir: Permit me, though a stranger, to introduce myself to your kindness and attention, and my warmest thanks stay with you, for present recompense.

I am not acquainted with the rules and regulations of the Ohio Penitentiary, and I have thought proper to address you touching the condition of a young man who is now under your "Spiritual advice", by the name of Jeremiah S. Bowdon. He was sent from Cincinnati, in Oct. last, and he left all his worldly effects in my hands, for safe keeping. I feel anxious to know of his state of health; likewise as to some business relative to land, of his, the particulars of which I have forgotten. any further than I have paid the Taxes.

Do me the favor, if you please, to let me know, at your earliest convenience, whether it is compatible with your station and the laws of the Prison, for you to write me from time to time, in relation to his condition; and also on matters of a business nature. I am aware, that your duties are arduous; still, I know that Mercy with you, is a grand and angel, and that calls of generosity, and kindness will come from you a reciprocity of sentiment. I shall wait with a deal of anxiety for an answer from you. With sentiments in the highest degree respectful. I am, Sir, Yours Truly -

J. Hunt, Jr.  
Clement Co. Rm.  
Chilo. O.



*[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting covering the page, likely bleed-through from the reverse side. Some legible fragments include:]*

*Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours, &c.*

*[Signature]*

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