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Banks of the Ohio.
Chilo. December 23rd 1848.

Rev. J. B. Finley:

Dear Sir:— Your esteemed favor of the 22nd inst, in answer to mine of the 19th was rec^d. this moment, and you may rest assured that, the satisfaction thus afforded, is worth preserving. I had, for some time past, thought of addressing the "Wardens", but knowing that, perhaps so many were appealing to his better nature, for similar motives as those which actuate me, I was fearful I could not obtain a satisfactory hearing—

Your letter has vanished the clouds of doubt, and, I offer, for present recompense, a heart full of thanks, and, if you have no objections, which I doubt you have not, I shall, as occasion may require, approach you, as the medium by which to convey my thoughts to Mr. Condon; whom, although unfortunate, is still deserving my confidence and esteem, and I am in hopes, he may merit your kind care and future attention. With these preliminary remarks, permit me to proceed to business.

In the first place, there is no P.O. at Fort Mitchell, Noble Co. Indiana, where the land is located. So I wrote, and sent \$2. to the P.M. at Noble, the County Seat, requesting him, to attend to the matter for me, and I am looking daily for an answer; be that as it may, the taxes will be paid. I have this moment, too, rec^d from the Rev. J. W. White, a letter, which states that the deed for the land was left with Mrs. Eldersleam, in the City; that was one important item that concerned me. I have written to Wyatt concerning it; but can get no answer. I will in a few days, call on Mrs. G— and get it, and the Coat.

Touching the Note against Mr. Gino, I can only
say that, the same is still in my possession, and will
remain subject to the order of Mr. Cowdon. Mr.
G. wrote me concerning it, and I answered his
letter, in which I stated that I held it, and
would part with only by the order of Mr. C.
I should like to know what had better be done with
the Notes against Saml. Bramham. My opinion is
that they had better, if possible, be collected; still, I will
wait his order. The one against Adams, I shall
endeavour to collect when I go down. Mr. Cowdon's
clothes are all safely put aside, and will remain so,
subject to his disposal. I am doing a very good business
in the Mercantile Line. The property he put in my
possession, will be accumulating something for him, be
the time long or short. The ^{next} mail, I will write to his
Sister, touching matters, and let her know that I have
heard from him. If not too much trouble I should
like to write you as often as every fortnight, as I
am confident that it will prove a source of satisfaction
not to be appreciated, except felt, to Mr. Cowdon, and served,
in no ordinary degree, to whittle the tedious ^{hours} away, which
otherwise would pass in doubt and uncertainty. Your
efforts to establish a "Library for the Prison" is worthy of
all commendation; may you succeed, is my earnest prayer.
Tell Mr. Cowdon to keep up good courage, and nothing
will be left undone to lay his case before the "Bar of Mercy"
at as early a day as practicable, and more than all that he
has a friend who will stay by him to the last. Please write
me once more, in answer to this, as soon as convenient.

With a fervent wish that the evening of your days
may be tinged by the benign and radiant smiles of
hope, and your soul, at last, be safely moored in the
"Climes of the Infinite" I close, by subscribing myself
Yours Truly, J. Hunt, Jr.