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Letter from Joseph Lewis to James B. Finley

Joseph Lewis

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Rev James B Finley
Columbus
Ohio

Friend
Frank Lewis
Care Jan. 19
Amherst



Amherst Jan 6th /49
Rev James B Finley
Dear Mother

You may remember
my conversing with you when in Columbus
last spring, in reference to the case of John
Robinson - a colored man in prison from
this county. Divers matters have prevented
my attending to this case till now. I would
now like to know if you think his pardon
advisable. You thought him injured by ill
treatment, here is he? & would that injury
render it improper - for him to be at
large. I would like to have your opinion
& the opinions of the officers you may think
proper to consult.

If you report favorably, I shall proceed
immediately with a petition, which will
be readily signed by as good men as there are in
Ohio. - If the Governor pardons
him I think I shall employ him, till he can
do better. I do not mind out a man at all,
but charity might be served.

My health is about so-so - certainly
worse upon the approach of cold weather. it gets no
worse. My superannuated operation is a very

painful one, but I am every day better, & satisfied that
the Conference served me right. If however I had received
an appointment, I should have gone to work cheerfully
& sold on while I could.

I am living on a farm 7 miles from the City
& of course have no news. - From my little intercourse
with the City, I am persuaded this will be a good
year for religion in Cincinnati.

If you will drop me a line at your
earliest convenience I will lose no time in
attending to that poor-fellow's case.

Yours
Joseph Lewis