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Windsor April 25th 1849

Sir I received yours to day and I am happy to hear that W^m Howland is changed from what he used to be I have been acquainted with him for about twenty years or near that time and have had a considerable dealings with him and always found him honest in all of his transactions all that any person could say against him was that he got at times intoxicated and when in that situation he was very troublesome and for the debt that he was sentenced to the State Prison for was done while in that situation I was in Columbus about a month ago and from the intercourse I had with him and the officers of the State Prison I am satisfied that if he could get is liberly it would be a great act of humanity as is family needs is assistance and himself become a usefull man in society. Since my return I have consulted a number of gentlemen in Zanesville and have a promise from them that they will do all that they can to have him pardoned I expect to have the petitions in Columbus about the 10th of May to be presented to the Governour I also have written to his wife to know if she will take them to the Governour you can state to Mr Howland that I shall make a strong attempt to get a large petition in is behalf

To Rev S B Finley

Yours Respectfully
W^m Berwick