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Letter from James B. Finley to Wright & Swarmstedt

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March 29, 1837.

Dear Brother, Mary Peace & Grace be with you & yours. I am in some affliction from my lungs & breast but hope I shall live to some degree of comfort. I have for the first time for almost 24 years come home with the Exhultation of not being again able to go to work as an Indian Teacher. But now I have to yield to the will of my soul. I have appointed Peter S. D. to the District and I thought I would take this place although I doubt whether I could do the work and I doubt but I am not without killing myself and so I quit and shall give myself wholly to the work that has been assigned me in accordance to the Indianism as soon as the Indians will permit I will take my wife and issue to the Indian country and stay with you. I have satisfied myself and I think I shall go west of the Mississippi this summer or fall. I don’t know how to prolong my life and as the committee has a resolution to pay me my support, I would like to have some understanding on the subject. I owe money on the district $63.10 for mortgage & 21 for my other expenses. I owe and am going to pay one mound & half in the district. Then I was about 7 months of the year to come when I quit the district. But their were some circuits where I did not have the funds where I even made my support whole from about 10 and one half of the year. I would like for you to make an estimate of my home rent to the Esquire and Judge District to move either to

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Hennia or Germantown and I am not determined what to do not think not of my house must be left over 50 dollars per year I shall have four or five families and on things to live on is best little cheaper here in all our little towns than they are in your city. Don't think I shall get along on less than 150 dollars for those other expenses that will make $200 dollars besides my quarter at the remainder of my quarter unpaid is 150 dollars and you must say what is to be the balance. For lets you may say it is not your plan to make the balance then I ask where is it. Sped you to write to me and let me know some light on the subject you will move this spring and I know that 2 dollars in the world but I am not afraid I now a constant pain to the feeling of hatred perhaps much but if you just to odds with my love to all God help to keep you in your duties hence to the Lord. Turn with most respect your friend

Wm. Wright Scarritt

As tell Mr. Elliott I went here to renew my Indian books for me clear. Bring the following ordered by the Times the New Guard Mud. to Mr. Hannah, Linley daughter of the late Rev. William. All of Whittm county on the 25th day of Oct. 1827
March 2, 1837

Dear Breatheren,

May Peace and Grace be multiplied to you and yours. I am in some afflictions from my lungs and breast but hope rest will restore me to some degree of comfort. I have for the first time for allmost 29 years come home with the expectation of not being again able to go to work as an effective Itinerant Preacher but now I have to yeald. Bishop Soule has appointed Doc. Latta to the District and I thought I would take his place although I doubted whether I could do the work and I made triel but found I could not without killing myself and so I quit and shall give myself wholly to the work that has been assigned me in refferance to Indianism. As soon as the roads will permit I will take my wife and proceed to the Indian county [country] and stay untill I have satisfyed myself and I think I shall go west of the Mississippi this summer or fall if God should prolong my life and as the Committee passed a resolution to pay me my support, I would like to have some understanding on the subject. I have received on the district 63 dollars quarterage and 31 for my other expenses traveling and all and I went one month and half on the District. Their was about 7 month of the year to come when I quit the Disctrict but their were some Circuits whitch did not pay. The first would have made my support whole from whitch I am now but offered. I would like for you to make an estimate of my house rent table expenses and furnace. I expect to move either to Xenia or Germintown and I am not determined whitch and I do not think that my house rent will be less than 50 dollers per year. I shall have four in family and as for things to live on is but little cheaper here in all our little towns then they are in your city. I do not think I can get along on less than 150 dollars for those other expenses. This will make 200 dollars besides my quarterage. The remainder of my quarterage unpaid is 134 dollars and you must say what is to be the ballince. Perhaps you may say it is not your place to make the estimate. Then I ask whose is it. I wish you to write to me and let me have some light on the subject for I will move this spring and I have but 2 dollers in the world. But I am not in debt. I have a constant pain and throbbing of heart whitch distresses me much but I feel resigned to God ‘s will. My love to all. God bless and keep you in your labors of Love to the end

I am with grate Respect yours,

J.B. Finley

Messrs. Wright + Swormstedt

Ps Tell Br. Elliott I want him to persevier in getting Indian books for me. Please insert the following
Maried by me J.B. Finley the Rev’d David Reed to Miss Hannah Finley 2d daughter of the Late Rev’d William P. Finley all of Butler County Feb 28 1837