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March 29 1837. Deir Britheren May Geare & frace be Muthiplied to you & yours I am in Some offictions from my Lungs & Breast but hope thist will Mustone me to Some Degree of lumfort Thave for the first time for allmost 29 years borne home with the Expedition of not being again able to go to work as an Effective Herevant Treacher but now I have to yeard Bistoh Soule to appointed Doc Salla to the District and Thought Iwould Take his place all Hough Poutted Wheather Douts Do the Work and Made treet tent found stouts not without Killing Migself and Do I guit and Shall give my felf Wholely to the work that has been assigned me in thefer ance to Indianism as loon as the Mods will permit I will take my wife and Orrend to the In June lounty and they untite have Satisfy Myself. and I Thinks I shall so west of the Mississipping Mis Summer or fall of god Should frolong my life and as the bommette hope a Merotutur to pay me my Support, I would like to have some understand ing on the Subject I have theward on the District 66 Dollers greaterage & 31 for My other Experces Lowling and all and I went one Mound & helfer on the district them Was about of Month of the year to love when I gut the distant but their "won some birents Whitet Did not pery the first would bern mode mys Support whole from white I am now levet offer would the for you to Make an Stituete of My House Ment toble Expens and funded That to Move Ester to

Henria or Germintown and Jam not Delermined white & So not Wint Mos my hour Ment will be less Then 50 dolles her year I shall have four in family and as things. to live on is let little Cheaper here for all our little towns then they are in your tely Do not thunks Dlan get a long on Left then 150 Dollers for those other Expenses this will Make 200 dollars besitis my quarterest the Memander of my quarterage unpaid is 134 Dollers, and you must buy What is to be the Balline perlops you may day A is not your Olace to Make the Estimote Men Jask Whose is it wish you to horte to me and Lett me have some light on the subject for Mitte more this mung and show but I doller in the world - - But down not Indett I four a lonatures from to thisting of heart Whitet Dis heps me Much but Iful thening to godo will My four to all god blep & Keep you in your Lotors of Love to the lid down with grote Muspert yours Wright & Swarmsted & String Us tell for Elliott I want him to person in fitting Indian books for me Oleon Frut The following Maried by the Attenty the third David Mied to My Hannoh Tinley 2 Taughter of the Lote Mind William To Finley all of Mutter Country Job 28 1807

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 allthough 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 wholely 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