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## Letter from James B. Finley to Wright & Swormstedt

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March 2<sup>d</sup> 1837.

Dear Brethren May Peace & Grace be Multiplied  
to you & yours I am in some afflictions from my  
Lungs & Breast but hope that will restore me to  
some degree of Comfort I have for the first time  
for almost 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 yield  
Bishop Soule has appointed Doc. Satta to the  
District and I thought I would take his place  
although I doubted whether I could do the  
work and I made trial but found I could  
not without killing myself and so I quit  
and shall give my self wholly to the  
work that has been assigned me in refer-  
ence to Indianism as soon as the Roads  
will permit I will take my wife and  
Proceed to the Indian Country and stay  
until I have satisfied 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 60 Dollars  
Quarterage & 31 for My other Expenses Lodging  
and all and I went one Month & half  
on the District there was about 7 Months of  
the year to come when I quit the District  
but there were some Circumstances which did not  
pay the first would have been made my  
support whole from what I am now but  
off. I would like for you to Make an  
Estimate of My House Rent table Expenses  
and fuel I expect to Move either to



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Wagoner  
March 23  
Birmingham  
Bright & Sumner St  
Ohio



Henrietta or Germintown and I am not  
determined what to do I do not think that  
my house there will be less than 50 Dollars  
per year I shall have four in family  
and as things to live on is but little  
cheaper here than all our little towns  
there they are in your City I do not  
think I can get a long on less than 150  
Dollars for those other Expenses this will  
make 200 Dollars besides my mortgage  
the remainder of my mortgage unpaid is  
134 Dollars, and you must say what is to  
be the balance 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 Dollars in  
the world - - But I am not in debt  
I have a constant pain & throbbing of heart  
what to do helps me much but I feel that  
to God's will My love to all God bless  
& keep you in your labor of love to  
the end I am with great respect yours  
M. W. Wright & Swarnstedt  
J. H. Finley

As told Mr Elliott I want him to permit  
in getting Indian books for me  
Please insert the following  
Noticed by the J. H. Finley the Revd  
David Reed to Miss Hannah Finley 2<sup>d</sup>  
Daughter of the late Revd William W. Finley  
of Witten County, Feb 28 1857



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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 almost 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 yield. 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 trial 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 reference to Indianism. As soon as the roads will permit I will take my wife and proceed to the Indian county [country] and stay until I have satisfied 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. There was about 7 months of the year to come when I quit the District but there were some Circuits which did not pay. The first would have made my support whole from which 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 which and I do not think that my house rent will be less than 50 dollars 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 than 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 balance. 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 dollars in the world. But I am not in debt. I have a constant pain and throbbing of heart which 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 persevere in getting Indian books for me. Please insert the following Married 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