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March 29 1837

Our Brother, Mary Peace & Grace Lee Mathew

To you & yours I am in some afflictions from my lungs & breast but hope that will not return to

Some degree of comfort & ease for the first time for almost 29 years. Come home and see the Exhalation

of not being again able to go to work or an effort

Interest & pleasure but now I have to yield

Your self to the appointed deities to the

District and I thought I would take Respite, although I doubt whether I could do the work and I made track but found I could

not without killing myself and so I quit

And shall join myself Themselves to the

Work that has been assigned me in accordance to Indiana as soon as the War will permit. I will take my wife and

Adored to the Indian county and stay

unless I have satisfied myself and

Thinks I shall go West of the Mississippi River or that I fear it should prolong my life and as the Committee had an intention

to play me my support, I would like to

know some understand my on the subject

Here mentioned on the District 63 Dollars

Over to age & 31 for My other Expenses Sooring

And at & accept of Mound & half

In the District there was about 7 months of

The year to come when I quit the District.

But their were some circuits which did not

last 2 or 3 years from about 1 to now but they did not

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Hernia or Germintover and I am not
Determined whether I do not think it not
My House will be less than 50 Dols
Per year I shall have four or six families
and as things to live on is least little
Cheaper here in all our little towns
Then they are in your city. Don't
think I can get along on less than 150
Dollos for these other expenses this will
Make 200 Dollos besides my quarter at
Remittance of my quarter unpaid is
184 Dollos, and you must say what is to
the Ballance just let you may say
it is not your Place to Make the Estimation
Then I ask where is it I wish you to
Write to me and Let me know some
light on the subject for I will move this
Spring and I know that 2 Dolars in
the World is not Am not cheerful
I have a consant pain in the String of heart
Which keeps me Much but I feel things just
to funds will. My love to all God help
To keep you in your Station I have to
the LD From with respect Wsheet yours
Majn
Wright C. Summertg

As late Mr. Elliott dont know the reason
in writing Indian books for me
Please Event the following
Eeceived by the 17th mo the 12th day
Married to Mr. Ammon P. L. L. Blyton 2
Daughter of the late Mr. Mullen Blyton
all of Whetum country. Feb 28 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 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 wholly to the work that has been assigned me in referance 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