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

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March 18 1837

Gentlemen I received yours yesterday  
and this morning after a night's reflection  
set down to say. It is passing strange  
to me that your doubts & fears have so strongly  
originated in reference to the request of  
the Book Committee and I ask now what excuse  
can you make for not expressing those fears  
at the time the Committee sat. Weyt was present  
all the time and never uttered a syllable  
doubt that the Committee & I were recommending  
measures that were unconstitutional  
but seemed to participate in the whole of it  
with full consent and full approbation  
but see what a pretty predicament you  
have thrown me into I am now pledged  
to the public to my friends to do that work  
and it was all founded on your silence  
for if you had made the least hint that  
you would not have complied with the  
resolution of the Committee I would have  
been very far from accepting of their  
request so I place the whole blame on your  
silence in reference to your Money Doubts  
but I have got in to a scrape and I must  
get out the best way I can & I know of  
no way but through the columns of the  
Advocate all I want is to publish the  
Bishop's letter the resolutions of the Committee  
and my letter & yours then the public  
will have a proper understanding why  
I have declined (for I have worked for nothing  
& feared my self long enough) thus I shall  
as I expect will be presented to me as I have  
been released from the district by the Bishop.

at the request of the book Committee and  
the Editors composing a part of the Committee  
in the presence of the General book Steward  
and with his full consent as I thought and  
all thought I presume now after all these  
arrangement to come out with your hands &  
hands & doubts & fears and I think that you  
doubt strongly I intimate that I would  
very doubtless if I was to take the pains to  
& labor to write it whether you would  
publish it (if published at all) it must be  
forthcoming in a few weeks - shortly  
I think there is a meaness and contemptuous  
of Expression, (all though it seems to be well  
loved) in reference to myself or to the  
work and I do not know what, perhaps  
Coast, that I can not get down my swallows  
all though it is pretty large. I am now  
~~I am now~~  
or formerly only what I can dip out of the  
Coast but I am not discouraged God will  
make some way for me ~~and~~ I will be  
down soon and shall with the leave of your  
Honors take my excuse before the public  
for my failure whilst I most respectfully  
renew I had no hand in nor control  
over and I suppose if I was to find my  
self and them beg to <sup>get</sup> the work published  
for nothing or as a favor. Done to me it  
might be I should have ~~my~~ your doubtful  
approbation but you know I can't lick the  
Saddle and I have long since learned that  
there are some men when they get their  
head into the public corn crib do not  
lose company I have not been used to!



Feed their things I shall not contend  
Ami well  
Wright Swarmed

Wright  
March 18

Wright

Wright to Swarmed

Wright in note

Wright



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March 18, 1837

Gentlemen,

I received yours yesterday and the morning after a nights reflection sit down to say its passing strange to me that your doubts & fiers have so recently originated in refferance to the request of the Book Committee and I ask now what excuse can you make for not expressing these fiers at the time the Committee sat. Wright was present all the time and never mentioned a syllable doubt that the Committee & Soule were recommending measures that were unconstitutional but seemed to participate in the whole of it with full consent and full approbation.

But Sir what a pretty predicament you have thrown me into. I am now pledged to the publick to my friends to do that work and it was all founded on your silence. For if you had made the least hint that you would not have complyd with the Resolution of the Committee I would have been very far from accepting of their request. So I place the whole blame on your silence in refferance to your Money Doubts. But I have got into a scrape and I must get out the best way I can. I know of no way but through the collums of the Advocate. All I want is to publish the Bishops letter the Resolutions of the Committee and my letter & yours. Then the publick will have a proper understanding why I have declined (for I have worked for nothing and \_\_\_\_\_ my self long enough). This I shall and I expect will be granted me as I have been released from the District by the Bishop at the request of the Book Committee and the Editors composing a part of the Committee in the presence of the General Book Steward and with his full concent as I thought and all thought. I presume now after all these arrangements to come out with your hems & haws & doubts & fiers and I think that you \_\_\_\_ strongly intimate that it would very doubtful if I was to take the pains & labor to write it wheather you would publish it (if published at all). It must be forthcoming in a few weeks or months. I think their is a meanness and contemptuous of expression (although it seems to be well covered) in refferance to myself or to the work and I do not know witch, perhaps boath, that I cannot get down my swallow although it is pretty large. I am now entirely without any support for my self or family only what I can dig out of the Earth but I am not discouraged. God will make some way for me. I will be down [done?] soon and shall \_\_\_\_\_ the leave of your Honnors. Take my excuse before the publick for my faillure whitch I most \_\_\_\_\_ believed I had no hand in nor controal over. And I suppose if I was to fund my self and them bye to get the work published for nothing or as a favor done to me, it might be I should hear my own doubtful approbation but you know I can't lick the ladle and I have long since learned that there are some men when they get their head into the publick corn crib do not love company. I have not been used to \_\_\_\_\_.

J.B. Finley

Wright & Swormstedt