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## Letter from Arthur W. Elliott to James B. Finley

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My much esteemed J. B. Fidelity

This will inform you that I am yet alive Thanks  
be to the good Lord and in a word I  
am trying to do the best I can we have good  
times on our Circuit except in one or two places  
for some time past I rec'd a letter from  
you wish I was at a loss to understand you  
seemed to think your Caretaker was suffering in my  
Presence and I neglected to correct ~~many~~ was  
for I thought you knew that I was married  
to you and our Dear Boy John that is no more  
and I have always been your unwearied friend  
But in this Circuit you need no one to prop up your  
Caretaker for you are the most Popular man I have  
any knowledge of, and tho' I am your friend I do  
not wish you to be more Popular for this good reason  
Some others of us want the Sun to shine on us  
Occasionally

It is true Mr Fidelity there has been some  
talk about the mission but all agree that  
you are the best man for that place in the  
Nation and I have heard some things  
about Mr Shaw and you taking his place



But no one blames you now that I know  
and I say with many others that you  
ought to receive from Government all they are  
willing to give you

But some People come out to you with a  
great many things that have no foundation  
and you know that all Great men must  
be that at some times

But do not be uneasy you had but few  
enemies in this Region except Battle men  
and Copper <sup>men</sup> who love the oil of Coarse

I remain your friend in the Best of Founds

That we may live and die in the Good

Cause and meet in Heaven with our

Share; then shall you be paid for your

Perseverance. Therefore never give up the

Mission until you are certain you

Work is done there

Yours James B. Finley Arthur W. Elliott