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## Letter from Alexander McCaine to James B. Finley

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Baltimore Aug<sup>21</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1826

My dear brother

I reached home on Saturday night, much fatigued, and found my family well. As I told you, when I met you, I hoped to have returned before you left this part; but as I could not, I attempt now what I had neither time nor inclination to do upon the road. You may recollect, that on our walking together from Church I told you my mind respecting missionary operations as they are conducted among us. I have not been favorable to them in general, but if in the true meaning of the term, I could see them conducted as they ought to be, that I would co-operate and contribute my mite.

Under this impression that the one in which you are engaged is in the legitimate sense of the word, a mission, and one of great magnitude and importance I feel disposed to help the good cause along. I have this morning called at the warehouse of the "Union man" facturing Co. of Maryland" to purchase 50 yards of Cotton Shirting for your little Indian children. I stated my object to the president Mr. Robert Miller Jr. and wished a little deduction to be made in the retail price. As soon as he heard the object stated, he said, rather than lower the price he would <sup>make</sup> a present of one piece himself. Finding him thus generous, I told him I would add another piece to the contemplated number. You will then have 4 pieces, each 25 yards or thereabouts, or 100 yards in all. You will please send me word or drop me a line how I shall send them to you and I shall do it.

I am just about going to Camp meeting on the Great Falls in -crit. I shall be pleased to hear from you at any time. Give my love to your two Companions.

I am in old love yours in Christ

Alexander McHain