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Letter from James Gurley to James B. Finley

James Gurley

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Dear br Finley

At the suggestion of Bishop Hamline I write to inform you that I expect to visit you in Columbus (if possible) against the 25th inst, to receive from you such Letters of introduction to your old friends in the Wyandotte Mission as you may be pleased to prepare

Also to receive from you such advice and instruction, as to the course I should pursue in this (to me) new enterprise as your successful experience fully qualifies you to impart. It would no doubt be of the greatest advantage to me if you could prepare something of this kind in writing, to which I may refer in future

To morrow I start on a visit to my aged Mother, who resides near Sandusky City. On my return I purpose visiting the old Mission ground and also Mr Wheeler if practicable, and take your city in my way home. I intend with the aid of the good Providence of God, to be at my post on the mission ground and at work by next Sunday five weeks

Since my appointment I feel like a new man. Never since I first attempted to preach Christ, have I felt so

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Columbus
Ohio
Rev J W Finley
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Jas Finley

Completely free from earth and self
As regards the details of my duty or the
risk of the enterprise, I may say, although
"I know not the way yet faith makes me bold"

I shall not trouble you at present
with further remarks, but more when we meet
only to say I know that in addition to all other
considerations your love for the Wyandotts
will induce you to pray fervently for my
welfare and success

Yours most affectionately
and respectfully
Jas Gurney