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Letter from J.M. Earley to James B. Finley

J.M. Earley

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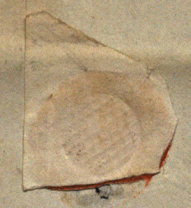
Woodville May 13. 1830

Rev. J. B. Furley

Very dear brother with pleasure

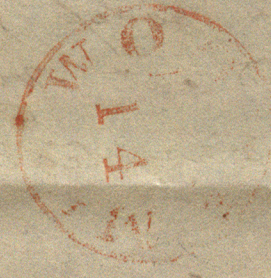
I received your letter dated aprile 17. which came to hand yesterday. I need not describe to you my feelings on the reception of so kind a favour. & more perticularly when it comes from one who I know wishes my best. Since arriving here I have addressed two letters to you which will no doubt have reached you are this comes to hand. My health has been good since I left Cincinnati till within a few days & at this time I am quite unwell. I fear my last winters exposure has materially injured my health for untill this spring I never knew what it was to be unwell. should my health not recover I think I shall go to the washataw or white sulphur springs to spend the sickly months for I am somewhat discouraged. My business is good & my prospects for a summers practice are fine as I could wish should my health not fail. I have many warm friends & patrons in this place who are much interested for my wellfare. Methodism is prospering here but unfortu

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nately it has never assumed the character
in this country it has in the north. Slavery
will & must ever be a barrier to the pro-
gress of civilization. O! cursed name when will
it cease. To me the very thought is truly
appalling to see the poor African thus degraded
with perpetual & interminable chains. My
dear Brother you can have no conception
of the state of society where perhaps two thirds
of the population are influenced by no
other motive than the fear of the lash.
Were it not for this bare Mississippi
would be the most desirable spot in the
world but this like a moral sirocco withers
every pleasure dear to a man who loves
liberty & equality. But I try to use the
old proverb what can't be cured must be
indured

I am glad to hear that my — is well
& much more rejoiced to hear that pros-
pects are favourable you are not wrong
when you think many an anxious sigh
or wish, has been sent to the spot that
holds the dear treasure I love without
measure. for instead of becoming more
composed or indifferent every day finds
me more anxious I am truly desirous

My respects to sister Finley to Bob Taylor & Lady & in particu-
lar to Miss J. & all enquiring friends

of knowing the final result. per-
Finley I feel more on the subject
I should being a novice in ~~affairs~~
this kind. Notwithstanding I labour under
many disadvantages yet hope that ever present
comforter often reaps a promise of meeting
& enjoying — I love. I can but thank
you for your kindness & hope you will ever
continue to be my friend I feel my obligation
to you & should I succeed in that which
of all earthly considerations is to me of the
most importance I must ever feel gra-
titude to you for your kindness

you will not forget to write to me
often & let me know all about the
matter & should fortune smile on my
wishes I will thank Heaven & rejoice
But should the fickle Goddess frown I have
but one course pointed out viz such an
one as philosophy & Christian prudence
would dictate

Brother Harris who is here at this time
wishes me to send in this Epistle his
veneration for & his love toward you

Accept the warmest affection of your
certain but unworthy Brother in Christ

Rev J B Finley

J M Earley