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Augusta, Ky.
October 31, 1844.

Rev. James B. Finley,

Dear Bro. In the West. Ch. Ad. of this week

you will see a letter addressed to General and Dr. Bangs and
Peck as Comd. of the Cent. Conf., the purport of which I need
not, in this, explain. As there stated, there is a strong and re-
tension feeling here against division. What is desired here is,
that if the South should determine on division, Kentucky, West
virginia, and Missouri may stand firm, and we would
all rejoice to learn that your views of the question propo-
unded, are such as would offer an additional impediment
to this much to be deplored movement. If we should be in-
cluded in the division, we feel as if we should be thrown
into the arms of highland, proslavery Nullifiers, and that
the cause of emancipation (which is silently but surely on the
advance among us) would be thrown back to a far greater
extent than it has ever been done by Abolitionism. In our
"present distress," we want all the encouragement to stand
firm that we can consistently have. And, my dear Bro., I
do sincerely believe that you and your colleagues of the Cen-
tral Union can do much for us in stemming the tide that threat-
ens to overwhelm us. We feel as if the cause of American, of
human liberty, were at stake. "Men of Israel Rise," and thousands
unborn will rise up and call you blessed.

Most respectfully and affectionately Yrs J. S. Tomlinson.

J. S. Tomlinson

PAID 1844.



Rev. James B. Finley,

of Mr. H. is not at

Franklin will be the

Minister in

Chicago please send it

to him immediately.

Mail

Chi.

N.B. If I had six months of leisure time, I am con-
vinced that I could get nineteen hundredths of the Societies
in Kentucky to join in the sentiments of the letter referred to.
If it is your opinion that the Genl. Cong. Plan makes the
attending Conferences a scapion or separation from the M.E. Ch.,
and that you could negotiate with them in no other light,
it would have a vast influence in favor of union, and,
by consequence, in favor of the ultimate triumph of Meth-
odism in extirpating the great evil of Slavery.

Att Supra

J. S. T.

