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## Letter from Michael Marley to James B. Finley

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Rev J. B. Finley  
Zanesville  
Ohio.

Michael  
Charley  
1825

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Nov 1847

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Dear Bro Finley,

In reading your letter to Dr. Tolinson I was reminded of the gentle rebuke you gave me at Conference for not writing to you. And although I think you are indebted to me a letter, I was so well pleased with your letter, and especially that part of it, that gave Messrs M. Henkle such a fine touch, that I concluded to set down and invite a letter in answer to this. It is a shame for the Kentucky Conference to put such a man forward. I was disgusted when I saw the position he occupied. I have been in poor health ever since Conference have lost 20 lb in weight, but am now somewhat recovered, and am an attentive listener on, at the doings of the Church, and of the State.

In regard to the State, I have no words that would express my mortification, and disgust, when I see men that profess to be Protestants & Patriots, courting British influence, and British Gold, courting the arm of Papery, and Mormonism, and infidelity, and when I see Abolitionists going for annexation, I am compelled to cry. Ah my Country! My Country!! how art thou fallen. Is it possible that your grand children and my children are to be slaves to some corrupt Dispot. The Lord save us from sudden destruction.

When I turn my eyes to the Church, and see all her powers engaged in angry combat, and our principle men, trying to stave each other reputation, I feel to desire that I had some retired place, with a few well tried friends by me, there to spend the Ballance of my days. I love my tried friends better than ever, but find that I have less trust in men generally, than ever before. If we cannot have union of Church, and State without annexation I feel reconciled to disunion, in Both.



I hope to see the day when I may be permitted to leave this face-fac Region of Country, for I hate the thing with a perfect hatred.

You see that Bishop Saul has invited Andrew to travel with him, or in other words, he has advised him. Contrary to the desire of the Gen Conference, I am sorry for this, for I fear that it will for the flame. I hope that the former friends of Bishop Saul will not express themselves on this point until it becomes necessary.

I see in the New York Advocate of last week Bro Bang and Peck, have expressed themselves in unison with your views to be Unionism. How do you like Beecher's last letter? I think he has Dr Copes & Co. on his hip, he writes with Cleverness and great force, and says something on the doctrine of Expediency. That places Southerners in a narrow place. I think however after hearing and reading, and thinking all I can, that there will be no separation, before the next Gen Conference, if ever.

So far as I can learn our appointments in this District, are quite satisfactory. But the State of Religion low, and I think this will be the case until our controversy is settled in some way. I think the most important part of a ministers work now is, to nurse well.

My family is well, and we all love to hear from you. Please write me a letter, and if you have any light let me have it, for I never had the Blues so bad before in all my life. And may the Lord spare you long to the Church, and then give you an easy passport, to a happy home in Heaven is the prayer of yours

Res L. B. Finley,

Affectionately  
M. Morley