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Letter from Peter Washington Martin to James B. Finley

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To W. H. W. February 3rd A. D. 1833

My Dear Sir

Owing to Bishop McKendree's bad health and debility he has entrusted ^{me} in his behalf to answer you which was rec^d some time since - and which was not read until some two or three days ago (owing to his extreme debility) From General Conference the Bishop went to Baltimore where he was severely afflicted and consequently did not leave Baltimore ~~until~~ for several weeks - he eventually left that place and proceeded to the Country (between Baltimore & Frederick Town) where his health fluctuated - some times a little better and then worse so that he did not get off for the week until September and at that time sorely afflicted. So much so that when he reached Ashland he ~~quit~~ the Carriage sent A. through the Country and there he took Steam Boat and travelled to Maysville Kentucky where he again took a seat in his Carriage - But his affliction continuing to increase he at length became unable to sit in his Carriage and had to have a canvas stretch in his Carriage which enabled him to travel in the horizontal posture. He at length reached his Brothers about the last of October quite exhausted where he remained until a short time before Christmas when his health becoming some better he made a visit to Nashville on some business and to visit some friends where he remained five or six days and returned to his Brothers completely prostrated. Notwithstanding his sore affliction on his way westward he attended Camp Meetings and preached with energy he says his strength continued in preaching and when he would finish he would sink down again. Some 8 or ten days after his return from Nashville I visited him and found him labouring under a slow attack of inflammation of the Mucous Membrane of his Lungs (Acute Bronchitis)

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Letter to W. H. W.
January
Bishop McKendree
A. H. H.

W. H. W.
8 Feb

Rev. J. W. Finley

Mayville
Madison County Ohio

the disease continued to increase with great severity until some 8 or 10
days since. When the disease ceased it left him prostrated both in
Body & Mind. But thanks be to the giver of health life
and liberty the Bishop is once more recovering and I think
he will in a few more days be able to go once more out with
his friends. He bore his afflictions like the man ^{the} Christian
now heard to murmur or even so much frown at the dispensa-
-tions of Providence. all meekness and Christian resignation
marked out by him during his long and severe illness - I have
attended many, but never have I attended any person with
such Christian fortitude - His soul at all times was fixed
and stayed upon the goodness of GOD towards him and
Man kind universally.

In answer to your kind favour the Bishop wishes me to say to
you that your letter gave him much gratification and
particularly the remark of your growing on wards - that he has
great concern for his well fair and prosperity. And
amidst all of his afflictions he has had no doubt as to the
^{as taught by the Gospel} ~~doctrines~~ ^{taught by the Gospel} ~~taught by the Gospel~~ ^{taught by the Gospel}
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preached for so many years. He says he would be much
gratified to labour with you all, long. But that he can
only be a hearer and well wisher and pray GOD to speed
the mighty work already begun. I see James he has
the Bishop's prayers for his eternal salvation and that he
must watch and pray lest he enter into temptation
and that he must endeavour to stand fast. I will
inward him happiness in this and the life to come

He says it will not be in his power to comply with your
request relative to assist^{you} in furnishing materials for the
History of the Wyandott

The Bishop ^{wishes to be} remembered to all of his friends and
Especially Bishop Soul and Dr Sargent of Cincinnati
and also C. Spencer of the same place

I do permit me to remark that I have no doubt
that the Bishop's afflict has been budding for
many years it is the effect of long and hard
preaching at last it broke out like an
ungovernable fire threatening destruction from
every quarter. He will be compelled to
desist from much speaking as his lungs will
not bear much exercise he must take his
ease the balance of his days. He sends his
love to your family

I pray God to have you
in his holy keeping

Peter Washington, Minister