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Letter from E. Barwise to James B. Finley

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Reverend James Findley
 Columbus Ohio



1847

Mr Garrison
Boston etc

Cincinnati May 15 1847

Brother James Findley Sir Hoping the importance of the present
 business may plead me a sufficient apology for thus intruding upon
 your attention I have taken my pen to address you

My husband Mr Burdise has again obtained a number of
 letters from different persons to Governor Bell praying for the
 release of my son William. He was informed by Mr Smith representative
 of this county that Gov. Bell had said he would release William if he
 was convinced that he had reformed. By the conversation which I held with
 you when in Columbus in reference to my son I am convinced that you can
 assure the Governor of his reformation and trusting that you will interest
 you if that far for him I have written if it be practicable for you to see the
 Governor before he leaves Columbus for this place you would oblige me by
 so doing and stating the reformation which has taken place in William
 since his confinement but if you cannot see the Governor you will please
 address a letter to my husband William which he can present to Gov Bell
 we have had strong encouragement to proceed however been assured by
 the Judge who passed his sentence and his associates that they would exert
 their best influence for his liberation and deeming I word from you
 of much importance I have taken the liberty to address you if you
 should see the Governor previous to his departure and speak to him
 upon this subject please address a line to us what we may know
 how to proceed I would of been up but my friends advised me it
 would of be better to see the Governor there please to call on William
 tell him that you have heard from me we are all well at present
 and hope to see him soon. Mr Garrison called on us and told us
 that William was well Nothing more at present from Burdise
 But remain yours in Christian fellowship