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## **Letter from Henry Bidleman Bascom to James B. Finley**

H.B. Bascom

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Schenectady,  
Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> 1835.

Rev. Dr. B. Finley,  
Albionville,  
Warren County,  
Ohio

H.  
Bascom &  
Brooks  
March 1835

Private

Park Lodge,  
24 Mar 1835.

My dear bro. Finley,

I have just seen you & hasten to reply — The Board will not expect you to attend to meetings often, and would part with you very reluctantly, I beg you will have no fear, I rest contented. I'll see that all is managed to your satisfaction. I neglect exceedingly the policy of alienation as it regards our college, in this and I am sorry to find men pledged to a very different result trying to increase that alienation. The subject is a grave one, & will require a public examination. This will be indispensable in the existing state of affairs. I beg you to be careful. an attempt has already been made to implicate you, but it has no weight here. I shall, God willing, attend your conference, as also a portion of the Trustees, for the purpose of placing things in their proper light — all is not known. Strange things are occurring these times. Dr. Ruter was elected Pres't his acceptance is doubtfull Mr. Fiddling is out of the institution by the unanimous voice of the Board & Faculty, I am told, long was not present at the last meeting, when all these things occurred — it was however a mysterious step.

We opened again on yesterday with better prospects than usual, a large number of new students. We are not at all disengaged, but engaged & determined to persevere —

I'll have sister Finley's answer placed in the hands of Holliday &  
Wright in a few days - The conference did not know where  
to send it. Give my affectionate blessing to your Father -

my regards also to sister Finley -

Be firm. God bless you -

very truly

P.B. Bascom.

Rev. Dr. B. Finley.