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Lancaster C. H. S. E. Y.
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Rev. James B. Finley

Judge White
Warren County
Ohio

J. M. Bradley
June 1838

Lancaster C. H. S. E. Y. June the 4th 1838.

Dear Cousin James,

Yours of the 30th March
Came safe some 4 or 5 weeks since and it finds
us all as well as has been our common lot
for which we feel grateful to the grate give-
-ed of all good. I was since I paid a visit
to your old uncle John Finley and found
him in common health that is common for
him he says that he has a complaint called
the Water Brash which troubles him every day
for a short time. he is otherwise as stout as
is common for one evidently far gone in the
decline of life. he lives with his son in
-law John McCorkle, who married his only
child & she died leaving one child a dau-
-ghter that is named Hannah McCorkle, who
is the only heir that the old man has
he has enough of this world to keep free from
want and I believe that he lives a quiet
life but does not hold a place as a me-
-mber in any church but prefers the Pres-
-byterian and his son in law prefers the
Baptist. he McCorkle is now married to the
5th Wife and does not appear to be
more than 45 years of age, Hannah his
oldest child & by Finley's daughter is a
member of the Methodist E. Church &
appears to be a fine young lady though
she does not profess to enjoy the life &
power of religion. She spent
part of a day with us at the Passage
last week I showed her your former
letter & gave her one of the engravings
of the "Apiphony to the Wounded Indians"
that is published at our Book room

Religion in this Circuit is still at a stand in many places though a little on the rise & but in others the Colored part of the population seem much more engaged than the whites & where proper attention is paid to them they go forward in the service of the Lord with a zeal & courage that shames many of better opportunities.

You have heard of the great fire in Charles town which has consumed the Methodist Church with other things. we are making an effort to rebuild them by reading Circulars in all our Congregations and opening Subscriptions & I believe that as the Bricks have fallen that we will build with better stone or at least that we shall be able to build better Churches than was lost in the fire. May the Lord give success to all of our efforts.

I am glad to hear that you are so near through the History of the Indians as you tell me of in your letter & I am sorry that the Communication is so bad by Land or Water from Circinnatti that I cannot order an early supply of the work as I believe that it would sell well & do good in this Country as well as in the West. I expect however that I can get the work in a short time after it comes out from our Book Room in New York.

I pass every round on my by the old Ferry place as it is called on the Spine between N. & S. Carolina where I suppose you were born. it is about 3 miles from the place that gave birth to General Jackson if the tradition of the Country is correct. but I have not yet been at the old Waxhaw Church where venerable Father are appreciated

My People are all well as far as I have been able to learn for I have had but little news from part of them within some months past I expect to visit them some time this coming fall if all is well with me.

I am truly glad to hear of improved health and still more so to hear of your success on the District may the Lord carry on his work beyond until all the earth shall see his Salvation and all the people join to praise him even so amen. your namesake is quite lively though not so healthy as some children raised in the same place or places for he has had as many homes as he is years old & lacking one his Brother Richard is a very healthy boy & they are both as promising as any that I know in reference to intellect that you will recollect is their Father's Opinion who may not be in every sense an improved judge: may the Lord preserve them to be useful in the world & to get safe out of it. give my Love to your Partner in life & to your Father whom I would do myself the honor to call my Uncle Robert & to your Siblings ^{Daughters} & Grand Children. may the Good Lord be with you all & bring us to see each other in our Father's House above

write to me & Direct to this place.

Yours in Gospel Bonds & in
charities
O. B. Finley.
S. B. Bradley.