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Rev. & James B. Finley

Columbus

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John W. Finley
Maysville
Dec 1847

Maysville December 7. 1847

Dear Brother Finley

Your kindness to me when at the Ohio Conference is gratefully remembered, and this day we will have our new Church Covered in. It will cost us about \$5000 including the Price of the Lot. About \$2000 of this will come from the undesignated for the purchase of the Lot & the cost of the fuel in contending for the Old Church. Brother Finley, this has been to me a source of much suffering & deep heart felt anxiety, to try my very best to guard our people from being carried off by the Southerners, and contending for property which I most conscientiously believe could not be taken from the Methodist E. Church or her members. Now if the next Genl. Conference will go into a settlement with the South, then is a property worth \$600000 taken from those who built it and given to the South for which the South were paid one dollar for, and all taken from the members here, on the ground of the Resolutions of the Conference of 1844. This will be fully explained to the next Genl. Conference.

But the object of the present note is to solicit your further friendship in asking from some of our Brethren in Columbus some further assistance to help our building Committee to comply with their engagements. for it would be better for the Southerners to crack, could they get a repeal against us, than we had made contracts, had not complied with them. Dear Brother I know your kindness & request your aid if but 10 or 20 come from our friends, there it will be of great service & thankfully received in this our time of need, and will never be

Wished by our friends,

the Reachers sent to us are well received on the Circuit
about 50 have been converted & about 80 joined the
Church since the conference, on the Augusta Circuit

With sentiments of deep respect

I remain your

the best of friends

John Armstrong

Any funds you can raise please forward to my wife letter