

Ohio Wesleyan University

Digital Commons @ OWU

---

Finley Letters

James B. Finley Letters

---

2-1-1823

## Letter from Samuel Baker to James B. Finley

Samuel Baker

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.owu.edu/finley-letters>

---

### Recommended Citation

Baker, Samuel, "Letter from Samuel Baker to James B. Finley" (1823). *Finley Letters*. 768.  
<https://digitalcommons.owu.edu/finley-letters/768>

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the James B. Finley Letters at Digital Commons @ OWU. It has been accepted for inclusion in Finley Letters by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ OWU. For more information, please contact [earutigl@owu.edu](mailto:earutigl@owu.edu).



Mission House February 1st 1823

Dear Brother,

I came here hoping to meet with you, but was one day too late. It was a sad disappointment to us that you could not come to our Quarterly Meeting, Brother Brunson was sick and not able to preach, and Brother Hecock was gone to Canada, but Broveant by Brother Dettel came over, a Local Preacher who lives in Canada and assisted me, we had a glorious time, we also had a 2. meeting in the fall on the River Rough, which was attended with great good. The prospect in Detroit and on the River Rough is flattering but in general the circuit is in a low state, we have found some new settlements where the people are willing to hear the Gospel but we do not see much fruit of our labours yet Brother Brunson has bin down to Meggs but once and twice up to Mount Clemmons on the Upper River Huron, I have bin down to Meggs four times and up to Mount Clemmons twice, I do not think he intends to go to Meggs any more, he has proposed to divide the circuit, he wishes to take Detroit five appointments above Detroit and the River Rough, and wishes me to take the the Miami the River Reason and the lower River Huron but on the Miami the Presbyterians have got the ground

J. Baker  
Feb. 1823

Baker

Rev. James B. Finley

Mission House

Ohio



likewise on the River Reason the principal  
Circuit are prospatience and on the River  
Reason we have but five members. Mr. Tate  
the superintendent of the Miami Mission  
has supplantee me in my appointments for three  
Sabbaths in succession a week ago last Sabbath  
I had an appointment in the Court House at  
the River Reason and he came on Saturday evening  
and sent around word that he would preach on  
Sunday in the Court house at the same hour  
of my appointment, I give way to him and when  
he concluded he made another appointment for  
evening and likewise appointed a sacramental  
meeting in two weeks which was the time  
of my next appointment, he then followed  
me to the Miami where I had an appointme  
nt last Sabbath <sup>and</sup> sent word around that  
he would preach at the same hour of my  
appointment again, but I was determined  
to preach if I could get hearers, and to  
my astonishment I had nearly all the Dutch  
settlers in the place, I do not think I shall consent  
to the division of the Circuit unless you direct  
me so to do, you must know that the River  
Rough is ~~the~~ and Detroit is the cream of  
this ~~Circuit~~ Circuit, if you can  
come do write to me and let me know  
what to do, there is no proper order here  
what Br. Brunson has received I know  
nothing about I have not received my traveling  
expenses, and do not think I shall

our next 2. meeting will commence this day  
two weeks on the River Reason, Br. Brunson  
talks of having a camp meeting in the  
month of May on the River Rough,  
no more at present, yours in  
the Gospel of Christ

Samuel Baker

Rev. J. B. Finley