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## Letter from Samuel Baker to James B. Finley

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Rev James B. Finley  
 African Society  
 Church Street  
 March 28<sup>th</sup> 1823

Samuel Boston  
 March 19 1823

River Reason March 19<sup>th</sup> 1823

Dear Brother Finley.

I take the liberty once more to bother you with my poor scribbling. I hope you will bear with me I am blessed with health except a cold. My design in writing to you at this time is to let you know my situation and submit myself to your direction. Since I left the Mission House I have met with some disappointments. Last December when Br. Bronson returned from Meggs he proposed to me a division of the Circuit and wished me to take the Rivers Miami Reason and Huron but as I thought his proposal unpractical and unreasonable I did not consent to it. I then went to Meggs the third time and returned the 12<sup>th</sup> of January which was the time of our 2. M. in Detroit I then found him sick. I then consented to return and stay till the 2. M. in this place on the 16. of February I expected he would then go to Meggs, but was disappointed he came in a Stage with some of the Friends and returned



with them, he then promised me that if I would  
would go to Meggs twice more and return to  
Detroit on the 12th of march he would take  
one rout to Meggs I accordingly done so,  
and when I arrived in Detroit he was gone from  
home and his wife told me that it was  
imposabel for him to go that he was unwell  
and that her own helth was so poor that she  
could not conceit to have him go if he were  
well, I saw there was no other chance but to  
turn bite about and go back. I have now  
disparred of his coming on to this part of the  
Circuit any more, he has taking in some  
Bordes and a hired Girl and I expect has  
anough to do at home. I intend to stay til  
Camp meeting which is to comence the 23 of may  
hoping that you will be with us then, if not  
before, I do not think it will be posabel for  
me to stay any longer unless I git some pecunians  
and my expenses are grate on this River I have to  
by all my Horses feed at a dear rate also on the  
River Huren there is scersly any feed to be  
had a number of Creaturs are dieing hear with  
poverty

The snow at this time is about six Inches deep  
the Shabitanee say they have never had so  
hard a winter hear before, Mr. Tate I have reason  
to believe has done his utmost to set his members  
against us they are not so friendly as they were before  
he came, times are dull hear in every sense of the  
word, the Roads at this time are almost impassable  
if you do not come out this spring write to me  
and let me know what to do - I am still  
striving in much weakness to urge my way through  
grace to the climes of eternal glory, my  
love to all the Ashmun Family I Remain  
your unworth Brother in Christ

J. B. F.

Samuel Baker