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## Letter from Eli R. Beale & J.W. White to James B. Finley

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James  
M. M. M.  
1842

Genia Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1842

Dear Brother Friendy

I am happy to inform you of the much improved state of my health through the Mercy of the Lord I feel myself quite free from deca - My journey was of considerable advantage to me - by the time of my return home I felt quite restored to my usual health

I think I have learned some lessons by my afflictions (which will be of infinite importance to me) The object of this - is again to throw my self into your hands to be used by the Church (if needed) in promoting the salvation of souls -

I would gladly abandon the thought of thus surrendering my self could I do it without endangering my happiness, But this I am now convinced I can not do - Therefore appreciating the <sup>unmerited</sup> regard you have so kindly shown me heretofore I would say to you with submission to your judgment if you please present my recommendation to the Conference - and if received and the Lord of the harvest help me with health I will try to do the work assigned me -

Yours J. B. Friendy

W. B. Beale

P. S. I have preached once and exhorted several times without experiencing any inconveniences

E. W. B.

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Dear James Friendly  
Anniston  
Ohio



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My Dear Elder

Passage Sept 22<sup>d</sup> 1842

I regret to learn that you have been deceived with regard to a letter written to me by Bro Enos upon the expulsion of Mr Alexander. The matter stands thus. Some busy body imposed upon Bro Enos by misstating to him that case - He then sat down and wrote me a letter containing as I thought too much feeling - In justice to myself - I did no more in my answer than to refuse to answer his inquiries until his phraseology was changed. He then wrote me a respectful - Brotherly letter - stating that he had been deceived. I have only to add that neither you or your administration have been impeached by him and so far as I know you have no better friends in Conf<sup>y</sup> than Rev. J. L. Enos - I love him as a gentleman - a Christian, and fellow labourer - As to Others that have spoken of the administration in that case - I commend them in fervent prayer to that God whose attributes of mercy will make ample allowance for all their Weaknesses. I acted in the fear of God in strict conformity to discipline and have nothing to fear - I challenge an investigation of the administration from any meddling man who is dissatisfied -

As to my health I regret to say it is still poor, very poor - Indeed I feel that I am doomed to an early grave - Some of my friends in the North advise me to rest for a season from the regular work. But I cannot yet I am doomed to the itinerancy - I believe it is of God - and designed by him to prove a great moral machine by which the world shall be redeemed and saved - I intend it as you know at the expense of my earthly all - In it I wish to live - and die - God has blessed me with an itinerant wife - who would rather scatter the seeds upon my grave with tears than to see me the partner in business with

her father - A poor puny - half back - hidden thing - I am of the opinion that exercise will help me - at my rate something must be done to divert me from my books and pen - you know how much I find it necessary to study and write - if I was on an easy circuit I would not study for a year and I have no doubt my health would improve - Of this opinion are most of my friends who know me, and my situation testifies. At present one more such year as the past - spotted as it has been with violent and frequent attacks of disease will lay me in the grave - I feel that exercise alone can save me -

Mrs White is at her fathers - Things in the Station are gradually assuming a more promising aspect - Indeed I am encouraged about Period Station the Lord bless us - Pray for us - Hoping to meet you in health - and peace at Conf<sup>y</sup> - I am Dear Brother

Yours affectionately

Rev J B Finckley

J. White

P.S. Bro Beuls the other seems perfectly good -  
injured -  
injury his lungs -

J. White