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Sumpter Co. N. S. C. March the 17th 1854.

Dear James B. Finley, Dear Cousin,
 I received your kind favour of the 4th
 Feb this morning and am glad to hear
 from you again and to hear that the Lord
 is still with you in his saving power
 I am sorry at the same time to have
 so poor an account to give of the
 state of our year in this Conference
 Dept our last returns was about
 500 in Crease for the whole Conference
 which is about half the ^{of the increase} ~~ex~~ that
 six years ago was returned from this
 Circuit which I am now in (Santee)
 the very great emigration to the west
 has been one great cause of this state
 of the Church with us. our recruit
 of young men in the Itinerancy has
 been greater the past Conference
 than formerly; we had no less than
 22 recommendations and out of them
 we received 18 in to the work as pro-
 bationary. I have with me one of the
 most promising of them he however
 is a man of a family and is older in
 years than myself. He was an eminent
 Statesman and a Lawyer also a man
 of wealth but like Elisha of old
 he left his business of plough-
 ing (or plowing of rice) to go and prophesy
 in the name of the God of Israel and he
 if faithful will be a useful man
 in several ways.

James B. Finley
 Cincinnati
 Ohio.
 1854
 South Broadway
 435
 J. B. Finley
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 Sumpter
 Co. N. S. C.



My own health is tolerable good at the present but my Dear Susie has a spell of affliction she is better at some times and worse at others I have not been able to move her in to this Circuit yet and I am afraid it will be some time before I will be able to get her with me the distance is about 130 miles and some of the roads lead I have ever run on the appointments and expect to remain until I judge it will be in my power to move my family which will take me off for a few days. My wife had a servant woman (as is common in this Country) who I left in the last stage of the Consumption and I this morning received a letter informing me that she is now dead I cannot say that I am the least sorry as I learn that she died happy in the Lord for I have no desire to own any such property this woman left a child of 5 or 6 years old which is all that we have to trouble us of that kind of people.

The prospects of Religion in this Circuit are but moderate such has been the extent of the Political excitement in this part of the world that the love of many has waxed cold while Paleteck has a Council and many there be who make it their business to keep up a continual ferment in these matters may our God overrule all this so as to save the

kingdom of his Son in this State and elsewhere ^{that} the same evil may exist. As to my self I feel that all my business in this world is to try to do all the good that I can and to get ^{sub} out of it. I find that my own soul is greatly blessed in trying to preach to others and the promise is made true "he that watereth shall be watered himself". I will try to get some subscribers to the Western Advocate and should I succeed I will let you know when I next write. I wish to go to write to Hampton C. H. S. C. My brothers were all well when I last heard from them. I am not glad to hear of your afflictions nor that of Cousin Hannah which might make a journey to the South necessary the ensuing winter but I should be glad to see you once in the flesh and should you come on I will expect you to call on me where ever I may be at that time pray for me at all times yours in Christ Jesus
J. B. Beasley
Rev. James A. Furber