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Letter from William B. Christie to James B. Finley

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Mansfield Jan 3rd 32

Uncle Finley

For to catch an idea, I have been waiting for several days, that I might answer your very welcome favour of a letter. But seeing this visitor has not come - and thus in with "Blat-hut-obling or long-legged" thing round me - the day is warm, my room is tight, and they be rather a dull fire - the mercury tells so far this side Finley's land - I am to lay to recruit it - Now think you if I had a man with an uncommon big nose stuffed with scotch snuff - would talk about Lackson all night - it would give me the Colic had enough to require a double dose of No 6 - or worse than that give me one of Mr Lill - The truth is I am to near a kin to Dr Stubb Preacher - who had with "words or ideas" but thought subtle meant a rams horn - to write a page that would be worth reading - Now doubt ere this you have learned that we are in Mansfield - boarding with a Mr J. B. Day - son in law to the Hon Mr. Bartley late member of Congress - we shall probably sit up shop for our school in a few weeks - but shall not have the good fortune to be "in a new cabin just to hinder the fence" - So as the people in this place have been kinder very kind - we have wind free of expense - either for our own board - or keeping my horse - You remember Esq. Hedges - with whom the Bishop lodged during Conference - he say we shall have two rooms in his house - when ever we wish to commence house keeping - and as long as we want them - free from rent - our situation is one of which we should not complain - and the treatment we have received, more than we had any right to expect - so much for so much - The prospects on the District are not the project flattering that could be desired - but which did not think any place could be found where Methodism was so little understood as in some parts of this country - The cold almost - plus of Yankee land is too sensibly felt - and no common show will be necessary for its removal

Tell me - do you know what modification of matters a Yankee is made of - surely not lumber



Mansfield
 N. B. Am. Church

Rev. & Dear Mr. Finley

Ridgeville

Ohio

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mean "the Lord make of the clay and set it up just
 de bannel de pinc to dry" - the must be made of an
 Lee luy - and dryed by a north wester - Now if I
 knew the proportions of each - that is necessary for
 a "portion" - I might be tempted - to use the
 dose of "agha forlis mixed with - opium and
 calomel" and then to a little of the 3rd prepara-
 -tion of No 2 - merely to tip off with - and then
 try to work it off - but in such prescriptions
 I fear the success and shall not attempt the
 experiments - Now did you ever see a Yan Kee
 of Carl go to meeting loaded with men women
 and children - Now shall a sight for you, worth
 looking at - again "but will you have your horse
 baited - will half dozen years of corn hurt him"
 - But to return I have closed my 1st round of
 I. M. work in between fifty & fifty - had in most
 places comfortable meeting - in two or three places
 rather prosperous - My "New Saddle" rides better than
 I thought it would - in general I have never had
 more liberty or enjoyed myself better in trying to pre-
 -ach than here - many of the duties are new - some
 unpleasant - and the responsibility should have
 been entrusted to other hands - Upon the whole the
 country is more interesting than I had supposed - and
 I am not displeas'd with my appointment -

As the old Dutchman in Cincinnati never
 to write "I hear dat day got great times in the
 city - Maffitt is carrying away every thing - Had
 you seen and heard the Extratic thing - the
 Strange Comet - If so what think you of him
 I was glad to hear of this miracle - have any of
 my acquaintance been subjects of it - Does it appear
 to be a deep genuine work - or is the effluence
 of momentary excitement - If I have room
 for Ann tis time to wind toward a close
 I often think of the days we have spent together
 - should be glad again to see you - but it can-
 -not now - we must submit - Give our love to
 Aunt - Bro & Sister Brothers - and all the family
 with all our friends - Especially - Bro Collins, Eliza
 Poe, Isaac, M'Comicks, Mead & write soon
 write often Pray for us
 D. P. Has the I. M. Conference any
 right to under our discipline to
 recognize a charge of mal-administra-
 -tion? answer this
 AD^r Our
 Yours
 W. B. Christie

January 14th 1833

Uncle Finley
 You will see by the date of
 Williams letter, it has been written some
 time - but you must blame me for not
 sending it before - for he left it for me to
 fill - and I have been so busily engaged I
 have neglected it until this late hour - He told
 you we intended to commence shop keeping in a
 few weeks - I can now say we have already commenced
 I commenced operations last Thursday morning, which
 was the day he left home for Brunswick - to commence
 his second round of I. M. meetings - he will not
 return for two weeks - It is very queer kind
 of business I can assure you for me to be living
 alone - and something that will take a long time
 for me to get used to - however it will try to make
 the best of it - I think you could never have
 loved among the Yankees much - or you would
 learned to guess a little better - we have not
 got a new cabben just over the fence - neither
 we shully - or rubbins to feed her with - and as yet
 we do not own a cat or little James Finley to play
 with her, however I do not say but we shall
 own all these before we again see you - or at least
 some of them - I am quite well pleas'd
 with our situation - and should be much more
 so if I could have a share of the side saddle
 but home I must stay - or else as the old saying
 is - ride shanks mare - But I know I am treated
 much better than I deserve - and will strive to
 be content - please remember me affectionately to
 Aunt Finley - together with all friends - how much
 I should like to see her - Pray for your unworthy
 friend and sister

W. B. Christie