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Letter from John Collins & John Reeves to James B. Finley

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Lebanon the 19th Dec^r 1825
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My Dear bro Finley

My Grace and peace attend thee & thine

It was not until Now I received your letter of Nov 19th consequently I had it not in my power to procure places for your Indian boys until they were all disposed of - Bro Waddle told me that there are seven on this Dist and he thinks, together with others that I should assist in supplying the clothing & contingent expenses of those in my Dist -

I left home last week my family were in common health we had Dr M in this place common good prospects ev. Love feast will be this evening May God bless us - I saw your Father in health two weeks since at this Dr M

He gave us one of his best sermons. the prospects are good on the Dist thus far I have attended six - I often think of you and your important charge - I believe

you are in the order of God therefore you must be happy - I saw your brother James Finley yesterday on his way from Piquette in good health -

My best wishes for the prosperity your African Family & self

Thine in haste and love
J. M. Collins

My Dear Mother

Father Collins has just given me
you the answer to your letter left with me
he has also no doubt detailed you all
the information important. we have nothing
new since you were here. J. B. Finley left
with Bro. Waddle is a fine boy and I think
will do well. W. B. Christy is a fine preacher
for a young man. Tovey high and seems
to have life & power in the subject - Brother
Charles is a real man fine soul & good
lover. and I think there is no pretension
about him. Tim in Lebanon look up
a little - nothing special. W. Reedy is not
so well as when you was here the desire
to be remembered to Sister Finley Brooks and
Aunt Rebecca with you and Mother
Brooks please let me hear from you occasionally
I am ever Brother affectionately yours

John Reedy

Rev. J. B. Finley

J. Reedy