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## Letter from William T. Hand to James B. Finley

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Gallipolis Jan. 31. 1849.

Dear Bro. Finley -

The object of this note is to inform you that there is a vacancy on the bench, & of course a new associate Judge to elect for Gallia this winter. The old Loco whose term has expired will pass away unregretted not only because of his ~~political~~ views but, because of his infidelity. Many here are making arrangements to get another infidel to succeed him. Now I am anxious that a good man & true should succeed instead of giving power to those opposers of God & all good.

Bro. Calvin Shepard, one of the pioneer Methodists in this Country is proposed by the friends here as a proper person to fill that vacancy. He is a true Whig - A staunch supporter of our Church - and would be the very one who should fill the vacancy in question. Besides we are anxious to give Methodism as much influence among these french Infidels as possible. A petition has been forwarded to the Legislature &c. - but I knew your extensive influence & acquaintance if turned in the right channel would do much to aid in <sup>him</sup> this matter by Lay Rolling. If you are not acquainted with <sup>him</sup> (but I think it is probable you have preached at his house) just converse with Bro. Bundy a member of the Legislature from Jackson. Bundy is a Local preacher. If you would be so kind as to attend to this matter, it would not impose too great a task on you, I think you would confer a lasting favor on your friends here, & the Cause we love.

Bro. Finley, could you pay me a visit at Gallipolis some time, as early as possible? It would be a matter of great comfort to have you to assist at a protracted meeting here. I think if I had some help soon, God would favor us with a revival <sup>of his</sup> blessed work. If you will inform me of the time I will announce it accordingly. Your old friends would be gratified by such an arrangement. Drop me a letter in reply any how.

The Lord bless you

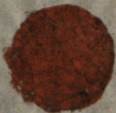
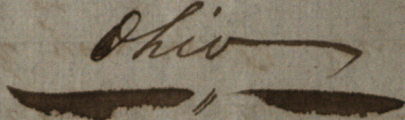
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