

Lay May 5 1830

Dear Isaac

I look forward now with anxious expectation for your return, things are putting ^{on} the mantle of green and the prospect is flattering the boys say that your wheat is beautiful your orchard is in bloom and the weather warm our lambs look well and hay has a lott I have not been to see it they say it is active Josh says it looks ~~it~~ like the Sire it is some it is four days old, People are beginning to plant corn we have never had an earlier spring these many years, and if the frost should not kill the Fruit we shall have a Fruit full year, I am haunted with Men that wishe to hire out to work on the road every one wishing for your return yet I think there has no one begun on the road I suppose this is going to be a hard spring things are scarce Money and grain all kind of produce however the Lord will provide for those who trust in him with Faith, it is a day of wonders Infidelity is showing its head in this region and it is said that our Brother Pike has over shot himself last sabbath, A paper has been handed to Josh which Tithe is, Priest Craft unmasked, Martineau and Foote has had some handed them and I believe myself they are a dangerous ~~deep~~ ~~trap~~ ~~beam~~, but our People was at Church the girls say that he M^r P could not ^{have} taken so ready a plan to induce them to take and spread the Paper as he did he says ^{in many} ^{other ways} there was two brews kept in the venom of Hell lodged in this office pointing to the office, I have given my sons

warning to be ware of the Bait and I must have it with God
I am some times constrained to cry out with the Prophet Jerem
miah: O that ^{my} Head were waters and mine eyes a fountain,
I am but little ~~a~~ troubled about being an Infidel myself
but my Children, gives me trouble the fear of their being
left to believe a lie, Anti Masonry's showing this treacherous Head
I am told in our Church I know not the particulars and there
fore can not give them it has been introduced by Mr Armstrong
his Brother Lebur has come out a flaming Anti and of
course he must do something, I can Pray that is my weapon
and God grant that I may be able to use it to his glory,
Father is well and he wished me to say to you that he
would be glad if you could get him a Hat he expected
to get him one last Fall but was disappointed and there
now here large enough, I want nothing but to see you
I am willing to go ragged and hungry to see you again
Alive and well, I have already begun to count Days,
I received your journal and since have received a letter
with the description of the Funeral of Gen Smyth it was
effing ~~me~~, the thoughts that had it been my lot to
to have heard such tidings how woud I have such a shock,
Mr Slater is again better, and was yesterday to visit
Clement Mirror, he is just gone Mrs Newel and Mrs
Peck was here yesterday I came from Clements and

saw M^r Slater there they say he looks better and rides
a bout I must beg pardon for I have not visited him since
the bridge went off my health is poor and I have no
resolution to get out from home, I must again close

Yours

~~your ever constant~~

Isaac Finch

Martha Finch

Letter from Martha Finch to her husband Isaac dated May 5 1830 appears to have had an envelope at one time

Jay May 5 1830

Dear Isaac

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Hon

Isaac Finch

Martha Finch