

April 29 after dropping a tear over the dying words of the Great  
at evening Illustrious Washington which, <sup>curiosities</sup> the receipt <sup>of</sup> your letter has  
awakened in my bosom to again read, and picturing to my self  
the name you described I can not ~~forbear~~ dropping a line to you  
I have had very pleasurable times since they took Otis in to the Church  
they tell me that he made a reserve like this wishing to meet  
with his Masonic Brethren once more I tell them it would  
be a curious way for a drunkard to get in to the Church to say he  
wished <sup>to</sup> join but wanted the privilege of getting drunk once  
more, they have done with their folly I hope in this place  
they made a slimy business of it at Election, I suppose it  
will be useless to write to you after this week if you come  
as soon as we hope to see you and if nothing of importance  
should occur I think it is likely this will be my last  
O may the God of heaven strike on us and may we meet  
er long to rejoice in his mercy and give thanks to his  
Holy name this is the wish of your Martha Finch  
Isaac Finch

29 we are well this morning the boy came home last night had no accident  
Theresa has moved into John Adams house in Peru,  
The Rev Mr Reed is to be ordained at Clintonville this day, the noted  
Lewis Dowe preached at Clintonville yesterday and there was so great  
a collection ~~in~~ the gallery gave way but I believe there was no injury done