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Chas. B. Smith

Dear Brother,

There are existing difficulties with myself & others relative to monies said to have come to me from Vermont, & by me, to be remitted to Messrs S. & O. Langdon. The difficulty is, this, It is said first, that they (Langdons) have received none of it; afterward, there is a kind of indirect acknowledgement, of having received part thereof; but not near the amount of the whole. I believe the whole received by me from Vermont, has been paid to them; but I am not in possession of proper vouchers to prove this; and without such vouchers, there may be much trouble, for they seem determined to acknowledge the receipt of no more than they are compelled to do. The truth is, I suspect the purity of their designs; this therefore, is to know of you, if you can render me any aid in the business; As you used to be on the Committee appointed to transact this business for the book-concern, I hope you will be able to cast some light on the subject:- And to strengthen your memory thereof; I shall just remark, that in the year 1812 \$455. was paid. This was all transacted by H. Bachm, & I have his memorandum to vouch it. In 1813, It is said \$725 was paid to me, of which, I can find no account of having either received or

paid it to them. This sum is the principal difficulty; for in 1814 there is an account of \$250 Dollars having been received & paid. I came last week from New-York; while there, I examined both the Books, Letters & Newspapers, but could find nothing more satisfactory on the subject, than what I have stated above, except a letter from W^m Burke, said to have been written at the request of John Langdon, who had been informed that there was money in my hands for them, & requesting me to forward it; but he mentions no sum. I have some recollection of this letter, I think, that I answered it immediately, authorising them to obtain the money from the presiding Elder of the district, or of any preacher who might have book-money in their hands, or wait till the next Annual Conference. In examining the account books as already alluded to, I foundnd that S. Langdon has no credit for any money paid to the concern for 1813. Truly? Did not he appropriate the money due to the concern for that year, to his own use, to answer one of the above sums? And receiving no account thereof, either from him or the Committee, I omitted to take any notice thereof?

I should be very thankful to you, to make every reasonable caution in your power, to find out any thing & everything you can on the subject, & communicate it to me, directed to Phila. care of Mr. John Gibbon, 28 Market Street. It is truly perplexing

to have any thing to do with men of such a disposition, & shews the necessity of dealing with every man as you would deal with a rogue. I frankly confess my remorse in not having been more particular in the transactions.

We are not doing much within the bounds of this district in a religious point of view;— a large majority of the inhabitants, consist of Germans & Quakers, whose prejudices against Methodism run very high, & we cannot mount them but slowly. May peace, happiness & success attend you. Adieu.

I am your friend

Wm. in Christ

Wm. L. G.

Philadelphia
July 26. 1819.