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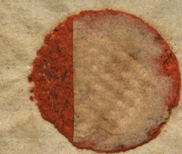
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Dear Brother I wish to communicate to you My
 Business which I think is very important. It is a very
 Serious Subject with me. I consider that I have been
 Much imposed on and falsely Represented by My Brother
 Westlake Since I seen you. When he was around with us
 after preaching he tarried over night with one of My Neighbors
 and in conversation concerning My unhappy fate it
 was suggested to him that the trial was partial and Illegal-
 ly Conducted, which he resented with anger, and to Justi-
 fy himself he pours Contempt on My Character and on
 My Fathers family, in saying that he thought the Hunters
 were a poor Set, and as for Me he tried how far he could go,
 he said there publicly that I came to his Wife with a lie in
 My mouth, and imposed on her, and had told a lie in
 the bargain, and said to one present if he would take my
 part he was no better than I was, this I can prove by three
 17 Witnesses. I can assure you that he has falsely Represented
 the case, and put an unfavourable interpretation on My Charitable
 and Well intended gift. I was bringing in a hind quarter of Beef
 for My Brother, and I brought in a fore quarter and intended to
 offer it first to Brother Westlake if he needed it, I drove up to
 his gate and went in, and he was not in the house told My Business
 to his Wife and she said she did not now. What to say Mr. W.,
 was not present. I told her I did not want Money for the Beef
 if she needed it she might have it. Now ^{my} object was this, to let it
 answer for the first quarter and then graciously Bestow it
 and said to his Wife that I acted as a Claps Steward.
 She told me to bring it in and I did so in her presence
 and she received it with thanks.

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as I came out to his gate he came up before I moved my team
I related the same in substance to him told him I wanted no money
for it and in a joke said to him I would take it out in preaching
and he received it on the ^{same} principle him self, as for any thing more
I know nothing of in giving the Beef, that day
he took a notion that I was intending to make him pay for the Beef
so he said, afterwards which was a unreasonable idea in him
and I believe he took an umbrage at me, and brags me of my office
as a Class Steward, when I was not there, and treated me with contempt
in my absence, and him and Brother Sharp concludes to ouster
me in the Church, and they bring for ward false Evidence against
me and gave me no chance at all, The Charges was for Contumacious
Brother Westlake thought that was not sufficient to condemn me
he Charges me with falsehood or lying, and chose a committee
of my worst enemies and subjected to them, and piteously Sharp
But Brother Westlake said it should be so he had his way of doing
Business Brother Evans said he thought he ought to excuse Brother
Sharp But he would not, let me choose one at all, Brother Abbey
was present at the trial, and Brother Humphries, and several others
from other classes of judicious, ^{and} disinterested Men, Brother Albany
had an interview with Brother Sharp the other day concerning
the trial, to enquire how they found me guilty he observed
that he presumed they would not of criminated me on the charges
at all if I had of said nothing, and held my peace on the
trial that I should of dropped some hints unfavourable of some of the
Witnesses which seemed to touch them, Brother Abbey said that it
only wants a proper explanation to the presiding Elder and it is in
his power to reverse the proceedings of the trial as illegal and unright-
eous in its nature

If you in your wisdom think that my appeal that I took
can be remitted and ^{not} go into trial, I was thinking that if you
would write to me and let me know it, I need not be at the
trouble and expence of getting Witnesses to invalidate those
wicked depositions, for I find it difficult to get them without
paying them or summoning them

My Dear Brother I have been carefully examining my heart
~~before God should I give an account at the great day~~
of Judgement for what I now write to you

I have taken the advice of several of my Brethren in this case
they say that he ought to be brought to an account for his behaviour
I wish you to attend to it as soon as you can and bring us
to face and I will produce the evidences and prove what I say
I will enclose in my letter the Charges that I have against
Brother Westlake and in so doing I hope that I do it in the
fear of God — you will please to write to me as an individual

as soon as it is convenient concerning my appeal and the
difficulty with the preacher By Mail to Urbana
pray for me my Brother that I may stand fast in the
Liberty where with Christ hath once set me free that I
not be entangled with the yoke of Bondage that my faith
fail not I am yours in love and esteem

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