Letter from George S. Houston to James B. Finley

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Dayton 23rd January 1828

Mr. Brother,

I have been so engrossed the past month, although
I wish you to write you. Since my return to home to write a hastily hurried note, to say a word or two recollecting our entertainment Meeting house, I did think that the place required to let it remain. Mr. H. New York wants to be adopted. I had it done on proper as near as I had understood the plan, which
view of the Meeting approved of, and I thought
it was a Majority, so far there was no doubt. It was so,
but resigned and it being my decision, my place,
the two plans are a sketch I just in order, for two
days, town walks in the subject is grand deal. They
might be somewhat improved, but they were decided
against the subject and leading up to it, the plans
were from a more plan.

James Bankes, John Patterson, Henry Patterson 4
Rev. Brunner 14

I don't understand Cotton

The last had been on the point circle but was
formed round by the overpowering arguments of Bro. Raper as to why have got it,
and we will have it; we left some powerful
arguments and he assured me to say have a man
who points his wife as he comes out of the
meeting house, which was to the objections to
the new made. How have I your dear Judge
terms, where there are two classes be!!!

I was mistaken in Bro. Tyler & Cotton, but
they have never seen a meeting house an any
other place, and cannot do have it would do,
although Bro Cotton can't see the Bro.
Raper came out in opposition, then it is
undeniable, the only way would have lead to have
got Bro. Raper to understand it, when
having never seen the advantages or one on the
plan, and my family is connected with it.

But I have been led to believe it is possible to get
it reconsidered, and have you come and talk
with Bro. Tyler of Charlotte, you might be of use.

There are also some others of whom I have

I do hope to hear from your town it to see your town,

I am much dissatisfied with the plans offered and

for one another.

I must hasten to a house as soon as I can and

my family now write.

yours with Christian affection.


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E. J. Dayton
Dear Brother

Dayton 23rd Jany 1828

I have been so engaged this month. Although I wished to write you, have not had time and now have to write a harty hurried note, to say a word or so respecting our contemplated meeting house. I did think that the plan similar to Johns Street M.H. New York would be adopted. I had laid it down on paper as near I had understood the plan, which several of the Trustees approved of and I thought a majority. In fact there was no doubt it was so. I had resigned and W. Brown was chosen in my place. The two plans on a sketch I put inside, for two doors, two walks in, the pulpit in front. This might be somewhat improved, but they were determined to have the old plan, only a door in front opposite the pulpit and leading up to it, the votes were

for a new plan

James Rork
John Patterson
Wm Patterson
Wm Brown -- 4

the old plan of Calvinism

Aaron Baker
John Dodson
Alexander T. Hayes
Wm Tyler
Old Father Cottom -- 5

The last had been on the first side but was turned round by the overpowering arguments of Bro. Raper as so they have got it, and so will have it, unless more powerful arguments can be advanced to say how a man will find his wife as he comes out of the meeting house, which was the objection to the men made. Now how do you do at Ridgeville where there are two doors ___!! I was mistaken in Bro Tyler & Cottom, but they have never seen a meeting house on any other plan, and cannot see how it would do, although Bro Cottom could until Bro Raper came out in opposition, then it is evident the only way would have been to have got Bro Raper to understand it, who having never seen the advantages ________ the plan, could not form a correct idea.

But I can scarcely hope it is possible to get it reconsidered, unless you could come and talk with Bro Tyler & Cottom. You might be of service there but Bros Baker & Dodson nothing will turn. I do hope to hear from you soon & to see you soon, I am much dissatisfied with the plan and adopted and so are others.

I must hasten to close as I am cold and my pen’s near out.

Yours with Christian affection

Geo S. Houston