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Dayton 23rd Jan'y 1828.

Dear Brother,

I have been so engaged this month, although I wished to write you, I have not had time and have now to write a hasty hurried note, to say a word or so respecting our contemplated Meeting house, I did think that the plan similar to John's Street M. H. in New York would be adapted, I had laid it down on paper as near as 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. S. 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 &c 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 Clark,

John Patterson,

Wm Patterson &

Wm Brown - 4

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Samuel Baker,

John Pearson,

Alex. S. May Jr,

Wm Tyler &

Old Father Cotton 5

The last had been on the point side but was turned round by the overpowering arguments of Bro: Raper as so they have got it, and we will have it, unless some painful arguments can be adduced to say how a man will find his wife as he comes out of the meeting house, which was the objection to the new mode, Now how do you do at Pledgeville, where there are two doors &c!! I was mistaken in Bro Tyler & Cotton, but they have never seen a meeting house or any other plan, and cannot see how it would do, although Bro Cotton 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 or one on the
plan, could not form a correct idea of it.

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

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

Yours with Christian affection
Geo Huntington

Respectfully

The Rev. James D. Smith by

Geo. W. Huntington
Postmaster



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Eggs Baylen

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Aaron Baker

John Patterson

John Dodson

Wm Patterson

Alexander T. Hayes

Wm Brown -- 4

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.

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Yours with Christian affection

Geo S. Houston