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Dr. Brother,

I have been so engrossed this month, although
I wish to write you, I have not had time or means
here to write a hastily hurried note, to say a word or
too perfecting our contemplated Meeting House, I did
think that the plan tendered to John Street. Mr. B.
New York would be adopted, I do not know how
proper as near as I had understood the plans, which
several of the Meeting approved of and I thought
as a majority, in fact there was no doubt. It was 11
that resigned and 1 was bound over. After much,
the two plans are a sketch. I sent in order, for two
months, three weeks, and the subject was before the
meeting, and was never delivered. I thought it
advisable to have the old plan, only a show in front
of the subject and leading into it, the Mess
scene from a main plan.

James Nash,
John Patterson,
John Patterson

Mr. Brown 1
Mr. Baker 1
Mr. Clapp 1
Mr. King 1
Mr. Lee 1

The last had been on the spirit side but was
offered next by the overwhelming arguments of Bro. Raper is so they have got it,
and we will have it; we left some persuasive
arguments and we advise to say have a man
who prints his wife as he comes out of the
meeting house, which was the objections to
the new house. None have been at Pledge
Hill, where there was two places de 11.
I was mistaken in Bro. Tyler's Cottons, but
they have never seen a meeting house any
other place, and cannot do here it would do,
although Bro. Cottons can't see the Bro.
Raper came out in opposition, then it is
incidents, the only way would have learn to have
got Bro. Raper to understand it, when
having never seen the advantages on one or the other would not form so convenient index. But I am firmly hope it is possible to get it reconsidered and let your small come and talk with Mr. Yardley Cotton, you are likely to see there is not. Now Baker & Co. and nothing will turn. I do hope to hear from you soon as to see you soon, I am much dissatisfied with the plans devised and to one others.

Dear Mr. Trenton to close as I am out of
my service now and yours with Christian affection.
[Signature]

Dr. [Name]

[Postmark: 22 Jan 1814]
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

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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