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Pittsburgh Dec 11 1829 Bayard

Reverend and dear Brother

I take up my pen to inform you in
some measure of the times we have in Pittsbg I began
writing to you some time ago but had so gloomy a tale
to tell about the harrows that radicalism was making
in the church that I concluded to keep silence
but thanks be to God some our beloved Brothers Coston
& Clarke came to this Station we have taken fresh
courage every soon after they came the Lord began to
revive his work among us almost every prayer meeting
we have had for some time there has been more or less
converted at our last quarterly meeting there were I
believe 42 found society and the next morning there were
28 there has been our Hunsicker and Eiler added to the
church since they came and our prospects are still
flattering notwithstanding all the energies of George
Brown and his party to pull down the old Church
they will prove unavailing if the Lord is on our side
of which I have no doubt radicalism at present is
on the wane I have understood from Brother Coston
we have succeeded but still they are giving all diligence
to make their calling and election sure now but to seek
whom they may devour they have a mind if we get
to Heaven it shall not be on flowery beds of ease
we have our difficulties about the new Church
at the time the Charter was adopted there was a majority
of the trustees Radicals and they held possession of the
property but they were turned out for a breach of trust
and others elected but they would not give us possession of

the property after our quarterly ^{Conference} ~~meeting~~ in August the
took off the lock of which they had the key and put on an
other and gave the key to our sexton but the next morning
about nine o'clock a mob of them collected commanded
by Stephen Remington and with their carnal weapons such as
shoes & crooks, as George Brown reports it mildly opened
the doors ^{took} and our sexton Jas. Knose by head & heels they
saw him the trouble of looking out, and Remington
Goliath like drew a bar of iron over an old man
which threatened sudden destruction for which we have
several of them bound over to court they have still
been preaching to their liberty loving people at 9 o'clock
in the morning and 3 in the evening till the other Sabbath
we went up to the Church at our regular appointment
11 o'clock and who should we see but George Brown
stuck up in the pulpit Brother Coston went up into
the pulpit and presented him a note and commanded
him to desist from preaching at that hour but he in-
minded him ~~we have~~ Brother Coston came down from the
~~pulpit~~ and went down to the little meeting house and
you may be sure the sheep and goats were soon separated
we have our preaching now in the little meeting house
at 11 o'clock in the morning and in the large Church
at night and they have been threatening to take it from
us at night ~~at the~~ ~~concord~~ we have permission to occupy
the Court house after noon Sunday as our Congregation
cannot possibly be seated in the little Church and by
occupying the two places they may be accommodated
thus you see how matters stand between us I expect
they will keep possession of the church until it is

settled by law which will not be before
August next if then, at our last leaders meeting
we came to the conclusion to build a new Church
or at least to make an attempt to and I am afraid
it will be but an attempt unless we are assisted
from a distance we have a mind to try what
we can do here and then try East of the mountain
I am inclined to think that every lover of the old
that has it in his power under us some assistance
particularly at this time

M^{rs} Bayard sends her best respects to your self and
family and except the same from your unworthy but
sincere friend

John B. Bayard

N.B. as I write after you receive this as we are able
to hear from you

J.B.B.