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Bro. Finley,

I received your letter last night about 8 o'clock and immediately dispatched a messenger to Judge Collett with the papers sent by Mr. Wright and a line from myself requesting, him to suspend his decision untill I could be heard. This morning I repaired to the Judges residence, with a Methodist discipline & used my best exertion to prevent the allowance of the Injunction, but the Judge in his wisdom has allowed the writ, and the consequence is that your proceedings must be suspended, untill the Supreme Court meets in your city in June next.

Mr. Hammond had written to the Judge that the allowance of the writ, could not be a great inconvenience, untill Court, and, that then a full investigation could be had, which would be satisfactory to the parties.

The Judge in his decision expressly stated that in the allowance of the Injunction, no expression of opinion favourable to the complainants, was to be inferred, that the Justices had done every thing that appeared reasonable, and made fair propositions &c but still as it was a new

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case, and one of great importance to the Church itself; he thought it desirable, the question should be fully investigated, and the matter put to rest, whereas if he should refuse the allowance of the writ it would be like denying the complainants a hearing.

It is one of the plainest cases I have ever looked into, and I do not hesitate to say no court of ordinary discretion, will ever determine in favour of the complainants; so you may cheer up & run man into exercise all the patience you can command, for at the June Court you will be delivered from this temptation or affliction.

Judge Collett has so much goodness & mercy in his composition, that it almost disqualifies him for the bench, for I venture to say there ~~are~~ but few if any other men of his legal attainments, who would have granted the injunction, yet I have no doubt his decision finally will be against the applicants.

Our neighbour Mr. Mix a merchant of this Town has been suddenly called from the stage of life, he died this morning after an illness of one week.

All well & nothing new. My respects to your family.

Rev. J. B. Finley.

Yours truly
Wm. M. Lean