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P.S. write to me soon Direct to Lumberton
Holmes Co N.C. give my love and best
respects to your good Lady let me know
her name that I may call her Cousin
here after
J M Bradley

William W. Chubb
J. M. Bradley
Rev. James D. Threlkeld
Bridgville N.C.
Warren Co.
Ohio

Henry C. H. Bradley
J. M. Bradley

Bladen Circuit N.C. July the 3. 1832

Dear Cousin James

Your Fare over of the 18th inst
Came safe to hand at our Conference held
in Darlington village. we had a Pleasant
Session of our Conference indeed and ended
in grate peace. Bishop bedding Presi-
dent and gave entire satisfaction as far
as I can learn this being the first time
that he has presided in this part of
the world. our increase the past
year was a bout 200 or there a bout
as near as I can now remember we had
but one Location as I remember. 7 Candidates
were admitted on Trial into the Church
and 3 readmitted
any one of them but three or four
months ago was a regular Baptist
Preacher though not ordained. he says
that he quit the Baptist because
he could not believe their Doctrines
and would not preach them. the Del-
legates from the S.C. Conference are
Wm. Kennedy Wm. Caper Samuel Dunwo-
dy Charles Butt, Michael Tallay, Henry
Bass. Hartwell Spain. Bond English
Malcom & C. Sherson I in all one more
votes would have given us ten

I am truly Glad as an individual that the
Brethren of Ohio make Choice of Bro
O. C. Andrew for one of our next Bish-
ops. I say one for we hope that the
General Conference will Elect more
than one additional Bishop. I have
taken some trouble to find out and
know the minds of my Brethren in this
Conference in relation to James O. Andrew
being one of our Bishops and
I have not found one Decenting voice
but all cry "let O. C. Andrew be the
next Bishop no other man can be had
who will serve the Southern People
so well?" and I would add that all
things appear to point him out as
the Choice of all (at least) all the
Southern & Western Conferences. For
his origin being of the old School
Methodist his acquirements are the ear-
ning of unremitting study and research
while he has been in the itinerant
field his Talents are two well known
to need mention here his zeal is warm
he has no Encumbrance from the Evil
of the South viz. Slaves. A Child of
Nature and of Grace a burning & a shining
light in the Zion of God and an
ornament to the Methodist Church.

I received a letter from my Brother in Lin-
coln N. H. at our Conference now past
the Friends with my self are all
well and trying to do as well as they can
I am Glad to hear that Radicalism is sink-
ing in the West. we have but one or
two advocates of its Cause in the Body
of this Conference at present and
I hope to see the day when there may
not be so many in the Continent
clay the Good Lord awake the slumbering
and membership to a general reform
of heart and life by a steady
Conformity to the Doctrines and Dis-
cipline of our Church. As

for my self I love our Doctri-
nes and Discipline and the Itinerant
plan of preaching the Gospel I view as
the best in the world. in this work I
have been engaged for six years and I
now start on the seventh appointment
I trust with my whole soul in the
work & that the Lord in great mercy
may go with me and give success by the
aid and influence of his Holy Spirit
I very much desire to see you in the flesh
but the Kings Business requires both
Close attention & haste. I have tendered
your love & respects to Brother Capers & to
Bishop Hedding as for my Wife I have not
found her yet but I hope I shall before
long yours in love pray for me when you
pray for your self. C. W. Bradley.