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### Letter from James B. Finley to Bishop Soule

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Bishop Soule you are hereby notified that  
a charge will be preferred against you as Bishop of  
the Methodist Episcopal Church for Improper Conduct.  
Specification 1<sup>st</sup> In holding officially on James O Andrews  
to exercise the office of a Bishop in said Church in  
contervention of the act of the General Conference in his  
case

Sp. 2<sup>d</sup> In disregarding the Decision of the College of  
Bishops in his case

Sp. 3<sup>d</sup> In Betraying the trust committed to you in  
carrying out their decision <sup>with</sup> ~~your~~ <sup>whitely</sup> ~~case~~ ware in honor  
and honesty Bound to ~~keep~~ DO

4<sup>th</sup> In your Betraying your high trust ~~as an~~ <sup>in</sup>  
~~the~~ Episcopate in the M E Church by aiding and abetting  
in a Secession from said <sup>Church</sup> ~~by~~ your General Council  
and the low sordidous Letter you wrote for Publication  
5<sup>th</sup> by using language bordering on the Profane in  
Declaring that your Principles were as firm as the throne  
of God then by Prepping an infallible <sup>whitely</sup> ~~whitely~~ does  
not belong to man ~~whitely~~ <sup>whitely</sup> I As Lincol

You are hereby notified that you will be called  
upon to answer to this Charge & <sup>Hepp.</sup> Inspections of the next  
General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church  
April 1845

J. B. Smith

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Charges of  
B. Smith  
Apr 1845

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