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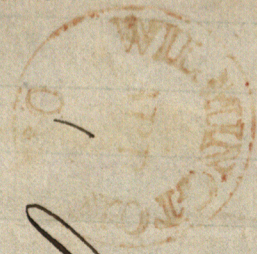
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Rev J B Thibault
German town
Montgomery Co
Ohio



Recd
J B Thibault

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Wilmington April 1st 1839
My Dear Father

Your letter to Brother Holland came to hand Wednesday morning; & yours to me this afternoon. It was indeed a great affliction to us all to hear of your illness but most of all to our dear bereaved sister as she longed to see you & looked forward to that time with great anxiety. In consultation it was thought best for me to go after Bishop Soule; which I did but found him too unwell ^{to come} - On Saturday evening Brothers Laws & Wharton came. Myself & the brethren here held a consultation & consulted Sister Barlett, & as the people were coming from different parts of the circuit it was thought best on the whole to invite Br. Laws to preach a funeral sermon. Accordingly, the concourse being great we attended the funeral services as follows; Reading Hymn & prayer by J B Conrey, Sermon by J Laws, Exhortation by D Wharton, Hymn by M Holland, prayer by M Wharton; which services I think gave general satisfaction - After these services I called a meeting of the Stewards; in order to get an expression from them with regard to the employing of the preacher, of whom you spoke in your letter to Br. Holland; & their unanimous voice was for you to send him if he was a single man; & that he be requested by you to write to me letting me know the day he can be in town so that I can have appointments for him - We have concluded to have our next gr. meeting at Harveyburg, at which place

we have considerable religious excitement
& some ingathering —

With regard to sister Barrett, she seems more
composed ~~the~~ day; she receives much kindness
& comfort from the friends. She has waited
to see you before she takes ~~any~~ any step in
altering her situation & would wait longer
if she thought you would be able to come soon
but this being such a gloomy place she
cannot stay alone & the house having
been once broken open she & her friends
think it necessary to do something immedi-
ately; Mr. John Jones offers her one end
of his house to be her own as long as
she lives. She seems much pleased with
this offer, & thinks of moving in a few
days & if you should have any further
advice to give she can receive it still —
She thinks she would feel safer & her things
would be safer there than in the personage.
I expect to take her to Father Drake's
on or before the 17th day of this month to stay
a while; if you could come there ~~about~~
that time & see her it would be gratifi-
ing to her; at which time you could
get more information for the biography
from her than could be obtained other-
wise. She wishes the biography to ap-
pear as soon as possible —

I write in haste as the mail starts to
Lebanon soon. I am trying to look
to God for grace to help in this my
time. I need pray Father for your
unworthy son

Rev J B Linley

Stephen F. Conner