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Rev. James B. Fairley

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Piqua Sept 25, 1842
Rev. James B. Fairley

Dear Brother I drop
you a line by Mr Brown to inform
you that we are all well hoping
you and yours share the same blessing
well Preacher Young (as I understand)
is going on to conference with some
Expectation of being returned here which
I hope & Pray to the Good Lord may be
Contracted - I understand he has
got the names of a good many of the
Leaders to a paper & makes them say
that he is a great man & has done well
in the Sabbath school &c &c so that
he expects some Opposition from some
quarter and I hope he may get it and
not be disappointed in that
The Youth is never saw the Church
in so low a state here as it now is
& I can find you many Respectable mem-
bers to say the same thing - and it is
my firm belief that he has joined
in with your Enemies here and
took Pay from them in an under handed
way so that I expect if the Youth was
known he has got his pay while you
are behind and hence he wants to come
back and get another years pay in the
same way I hope & Pray to the Lord
God if there is an Abolition Circuit
in the whole District he may be sent
to it or some place that he may do more
Good than he has done here and all

The hope I now have left is in you
to save this Station from Destruction
as sure as he is Return'd - I for one
will take my name from his Charge
I cannot & will not support him in
any shape or form and I know a
number from whom he has Received
nothing this year & will get nothing
if he is Return'd I hope we may
get a man that is no abolitionist
nor no Party man - but a real Method-
ist Preacher - not a Proud vain Dan-
dy - I hope your health may be Preserv'd
to Preside another year with us & get
us set to rights Do I Pray you send
him to Milton or Fletcher Circuits and
let him learn what it is to be a Methodist
Circuit Rider and if he is the Clear
Grit it will do him Good and rock
some of the Saziness out of his Head
if a Strong healthy man cannot stand
a Circuit he is not fit for a Preacher
I would also thank you to send me
letter as soon as you know who we
are to get

Mr Cheever & family and
all well

as ever yours
Same Petter

I am very sorry now that I withdrew
my Charges against him I feel
confident he would and ought to have
been Convicted but I was Persuaded

By you and a number of Others
to give it up & let him go and he
is no doubt, glad of it
if it is mention'd in Conference you
can say that you were the cause
of it being Stopped - attho he told
me that you were his Enemy &
that you misrepresented him on
several Occasions &c &c I can
say that you saved him here from
a Trial and was his friend when
he Richly Deserved Censure yet
you Interceded in his Behalf and
Perhaps saved him from Disgrace
I set him down as an ungrateful
Proud vain man that will never
get my support as I can have no
Confidence in him

Yours
S. Petter

P.S. I could now raise the debt due
the Station in two hours were his stew-
ards could raise a Dollar because
the right measures has not been Pur-
sued Mr Howard can tell you how
I used to Pay up & to do but I am
not to be forced into measures