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Washington Pa. 12th Aug 1845.

Dear Bro. Finley

I was so much engaged after our late quarterly meeting until I left home, that I had not the opportunity of advising with the membership of the Church in Somerset, on the subject of a change in the Relation we sustain to the conference, and therefore cannot recommend any thing Diffinate in this matter, If, the Relation we now sustain should be continued - under the pastoral care of a Faithfull good man, perhaps it would be as well for us, in our depressed state, as a Society - under the care of such a preacher - and the blessing of a gracious providence - we could reasonably hope to soon enjoy such a state of spiritual improvement as more fully to justify a change, than exists at the present time -

Now my Dear old Brother you are pretty well acquainted with the State of the Church with us, and know the kind of Minister that would be a blessing under a Gracious Providence to us - What the world calls a great Preacher is not so important with us - but a plain old fashioned Methodist Preacher

that will visit the Brethren, and know them
When she meets them - and generally "Feed the
Flock of Christ" - If such an one can be
sent us - the approaching conference year, we may
look forward to the happy seasons we once
enjoy'd as a church in Somerset -

I write in great haste, after
a fatiguing day's ride - very truly and
affectionately yours,

Charles C. Hood

Rev. James B. Finley

P.S. Be pleased to write to me at the close of
conference, and let me know your views,
and the action of the conference in relation to
the seceding Brethren of the South, and any
other matter or thing you may deem interesting.

(C.H.)

Conference 1844 -
Charles C. Hood

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