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Letter from Alfred Jenkins, Aaron Jenkins & Joshua James to James B. Finley

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A. H. Perkins
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Salem. August 31st 1846.

Dear Brother Finley.

We deem it necessary to write a few lines to you on a subject that we and the Church here are interested in. At our last quarterly conference Asa Robinson Local Elder on Wilmington circuit was suspended for one year. We understand that he is going up to the Annual Con. with a complaint against Brother Cornell for mal-administration. we think without any grounds whatever.

A copy of the complaints ^{against Robinson} will be given to Robinson ~~the~~ ¹⁴ days and a written notice that they would be presented to the conference. This was done in the presence of Br. Hill 14 days before the setting of the conference, and Br. Hill told him that that was the proper place to present them and now he (Robinson) wants to make a false issue by contending that he has not had justice done him - that he had not the privilege of defence, when he had 14 days to prepare for a defence, and Br. Cornell gave all the privilege in con. that any reasonable man could ask for a defence with the material that he had on hand.

We understand further that Robinson intends by some hook or crook to get the case before conference and have the decision of the the quarterly con. rescinded or the case refered back to a Committee.

Our object in troubling you with this ^{to ask you} is to take part against Robinson, for we believe that the interest of the Church require his suspension if not his expulsion. he keeps a continual disturlance in the church and we could wish that we were clear of him altogether. his case against Br. Cornell is only to gratify his vindictive and revengeful disposition. and conference should give him a rebuke that he will not soon forget. This is intended as private living you to act according to your judgement in the case.

Rev. James B. Finley
1846

Approved by
H. Hill

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And now having troubled you thus far I shall close by
wishing that the Almighty ruler of the universe may give
you great peace and tranquility in your declining
years. and subscribe myself yours

Affectionately
Alfred Jenkins

Dear Brother Finley

We fully concur in the foregoing
letter and Bro. Aaron Jenkins, an old and tried
member of our church with whom you have been
acquainted years ago who signs his name to this &
earnestly asks you for God's sake to do all you can
to sustain the proceedings of the Wilmington quarterly conference
against A. Robinson a perfect nuisance to the church
and community. and we further ask of you to note
the amount of the doings in conference in the case with
the names of the speakers and transmit the same to
Lumberton Clinton Co. O. for A. Jenkins

after reading this please request Bro. C. B. Chase and
Bro. Uriah Heath to read the whole of this letter

Aug. 31st 1846

Yours in love
Aaron Jenkins
Joshua C. James