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 Secy. Am. A. S. C.

Rev. Mr. C. Atmore
 Oct 4/8

Atmore

My dear Bro in Christ Jesus - as such I make
 an apology for writing to you - tho' but very partially
 known to you - I admired & do still admire
 your Christian & Manly proceedings at the General
 Conference - this was your sentiment tho' perhaps
 not the words - "I am aware Sir - that I have
 help'd to afflict many of our Members - both in
 the Ministry & Laity by my vote on that occasion
 (alluding to the Plan of 444) - & I shall now go to
 my bed - with a paining consciousness of repaying
 as far as I can - (the injury that my vote ^{may} have
 done -) by now voting for its entire removal -"

now my dear Bro - I am one of those who
 have been injured by the action of 444 - & I
 appeal to your justice & charity to help me -
 in the Year 1779 or 80 - my dear Father the late
 Rev. Chas. Atmore - was rec'd by the Venerable
 Wesley into the Travelling connection in Engd. he was
 near 30 Years - was a man full of Faith &
 good works -

In the Year 1836 - I emigrated to America &
 in the Aug. of that Year settled in New Richmond
 or near that Town - in 1840 - I was recommended
 by the Quarterly Con. for the Richmond Circuit
 to join the Itinerancy - Bishop Morris who was
 present at the L. M. said they were much in

want of help in 1835 - I ask'd if I would go - I told him since I had offered myself to the Church I would go where I could be most useful, tho' I preferred a free State - At the Barnstorn Sec^y of the N^y Con I was rec^d on trial - I have spent many happy Years in preaching both to Master & Slave - that Gospel which off rec^d would make the situation of each better - - when the subject of division or seperation of the South on the matter of slavery came up - I determined to take advantage of the grant of the Plan & come North - at the close of the first Year I made my application to Bishop Morris at the Piquet Conference - during its sitting I was confined to my Bed. at Louisville (where I was then stationed) with Bilious fever. I have enclosed this Letter to Bishop Wainline - I was however unsuccessful owing to my Letter not being accompanied by Vouchers - I was not aware that this was necessary - at the close of the second Year I attended my Certificate of adherence - I visited the conference at Columbus I acted according to the Instructions given me by Bishop Morris & wanted an opportunity to speak to the Conference - but this was not granted me - because as I was told there was no room for mar^d men - It was also urged as an objection that I had taken too appointments in the Church South - you are aware my dear Bro. that there are leading Men both in

Church & State - that to a certain extent compel others to follow - who cannot help themselves - my Home was untened & I had no place to take my Family too but at the earliest opportunity at the Piquet Con I made application - & if I would respectfully call your attention to the Fact that I have given up my relation to the N^y Conference in view of the Promise - made by the M^e Church - I am now & have been for the last Year living upon my small Farm - but I am not happy. because bound not in the path of duty - My family are all grown up our youngest child is 17 Years of age - I am willing to take work as a Young Man for this Year if you do not want married men - I do think I ought in justice to have the first vacancy my Health which has been feeble is thanks God - quite good - & there is nothing I covet so much as to get good & I know of no better way than of being truly & fervently engaged in my Masters work. Bro Tremble the P. E. of our Circuit promised to bring my case before the conference I have sent my Parchments & Certificate of Adherence - I know you & very justly so to be an influential Man in the conference if you feel free - it will be a personal favor if you will urge my claims - Yours affly
New Richmond
Sep. 23. 1838
M. C. Atmore