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Athens May 27th 1844

Two or three hours ago I gave
letter at the office to which it was
directed. It found me tolerably
well in health both of body & mind
I love God, I love his people, and es-
pecially J.B. Finley.

As to what you relate of Mr. Smith's
abuse it is only what I expected. I won-
der that he has gone no further
and some of the Methodists about
Vernon say that it was common for
Hanes & Smith to say that "Ellis
was a lying old dog" and "An old ras-
cal." &c. that they had been "Pur-
sued long enough"

He says that he did not oppose Methodism
his private conversation & public preaching
are both opposed to the 7th article of our
religion. His Declaration on his trial
will speak for itself. It is laid up
in the "Archives of this Legation," among
the A Conference papers

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Rev James W. Smith

Bathesda

Ohio

He told us on his trial that
he did not believe "Wesley on Sancti-
fication" Since I am told has been
writing in a late pamphlet against
Ketchum!

And now has the Methodist Conference
to tell you that it is Calvinism and
Deism that he opposed or does yet op-
pose.

I fear your dose will do him but
little good, perhaps nothing short of
grab or hair will make his stomach
He will no doubt try to make you to
a bitter change of epistles—Remember
Michael himself must not rail, and

Smith may be an over-matcher for you
in calling names—God must change
his heart & sanctify his soul on Methodism
I think says he'll perish. Have done
with him as soon as you can.

You tell him to prose or be censured
Bro. Anson can put him no lower by
our Church. We have no penitentiary—not
withstanding "Popery" and "The Beast."

My camp-meeting where you ^{were} requested to
attend I am happy to inform you will
begin on the day you wish Aug. 29th
It was one of my blunders to state
to you that it was the week after—
So you can come on with the Bishop
if he is with you at your collecting—
As touching your Father's collecting it's
well enough. I suppose.

I & you see we shall be company yet
on our way to the west—

May our common Lord bless &
eternally save you & yours—

Be "Jarrathan" & I'll be "David" yours
{ Forever

J. B. Finley