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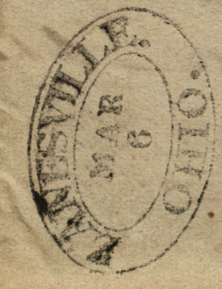
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I am not often guilty but you must pardon me. I thought I had another page to my sheet — My wife has been in rather poor health this winter — now some better — She will not now undertake to say yes or nay about coming to you
 J. W. Hulley

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Rev James B. Hulley
 N. Lywell
 Ohio

Rev
 J. W. Hulley

Remember me to all my friends — And accept my prayers & good wishes for you & yours
 J. W. Hulley
 P.S. Don't read what I've written. Yours 890

Dr Garrison March 5th 1829

I called at the P Office 2 or 3 hours since & got yours of the 23rd — Utterly & really feel glad that you broke the "silence" I answer directly to make an apology for your having to write first.

If Radicalism is at its zenith with you — it is past that I think with us. — The movement below here produced a few nice! We lost 4. Stations — 33
 " By Circuit money etc but maybe 8
 " All do (on the former 10 or 15 gone — 9
 " You all do say — 25

There may be some scattering ones in other Circuits but I believe they are so remote they cannot consequently be organized. Perhaps the whole force in the Conference added to the famous Cir. occupations will not amount 5:00. out of 5 or 6 times as many thousands! And truly if it were not an amount there poor deluded wretches themselves I should have no regret at their leaving us — They are as you suggest no loss to the Church, neither in a pecuniary nor moral point of view.

We have possibly in this Town the greatest manifestation of God's goodness to us, directly or our getting rid of the Hards Above you see the loss 33. Since they left us taken in 90 something! This is the Lord's doing & Old Jacob Myers is the ferment of this region & if the people do not wrong him has become (to say the least) rather hyperbolical in his way of speaking about members secessors — This brotherhood reminds me of the Old Baptist tract to get congregations — gives out for some new or great preacher within

They know there was some coming! This is as good a way as any I know of to account for the report that Brown & Spruigen were to be at Springfield convention - They deal only in Conventions I believe. Respecting your Query of Spruigen the most accurate information I can give may be taken from the following notes copied below.

Jan 29th 1829

"Dr Sir Recent acts of your administration have made it necessary for me to withdraw from the ill E Church. I wish therefore to apprise you of my intention to leave the Ct. at our next S. Meeting. I did not come to this determination until within a few hours past. And I embrace the first opportunity to give information thereof - so that you may have the warning felt & yours with due respect C Spruigen"

Wm Dyaning (Asst to the above)

Feb 25th 1829

"Dr Sir I shall take yours of the 29th Ult. as an application to the next O. A Conference to withdraw from the ill E Church. & present it as such, unless you forthwith forbid me in writing so to do. And in the mean time shall disperse with all your services as a minister in the Church from & after the 6th of next Month & try to supply your place the best way I can."

"If your reasons & motives in this very important affair are satisfactory to yourself, they shall be so to me. They give me no umbrage."

"I thank you for endeavoring to give timely notice in the premises - And can assure you that as a man I am still your friend"

Dyaning

"P.S. If you think proper to write on this subject to General Poffin *Perfused S. Meeting will commence the day following. I left the original in the P. Office Somers Feb 25. 1829"

The rest about Spruigen I can tell when we meet - But I expect when he gets my letter if he has not gotten it he will think at least that we are willing to try to do without his biggest I have employed David Lewis an old Travelling preacher from N York in his place & I later my self that he is worth more than all the rest in this sweep!

The Various ramifications of Arrian & Socinianism &c are not so ripe in our portion of the State as in yours - They emigrated (with you) principally from Ky except Hicks in But we are in the same danger from inattention to the peculiarities of Methodist Discipline - Our Discipline has hitherto preserved us - And if we ever fall it must be by neglecting it! I that every ill P. Preacher would write this last paragraph deep on his undertowings -

The Preacher of L District are well except L Swannick whose loud-speaking (I fear) has nearly cut him off in the flower of his usefulness This if so is a subject of much regret for in Discipline & usefulness he has no second in all my knowledge.

I Hamilton is quite inconsolent - I hope to be able to present him to your next Con. plenary & sound & then may he ever be mere Stars.

You are right I have seen the Radical opposition detected - I have seen them well recruited in the Itinerant Among all the rest of your good doing would it not be a good thing for the travelling to have at least 1 or 2 copies of that work in some of your larger divided societies? I never was more concerned of any thing, than that the good work is generally prospering on this District.

Write when you can