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My old Friend

Tho this is a very snow-stormy day without, yet I am snugly housed up by a good coal fire, to which you may attribute as the occasion if not the cause of this letter.

I am still in a poor state of health under the more disagreeable by ten 1000s gloomy reflections on my uselessness & negative kind of life, superannuated old, imbecile & useless, every day growing more so!

My hand quavers - my head betrays me my memory plays truant, so that if I should live to be very old the mechanism, orthography & arrangement of words may all combine to keep me from writing to a friend. But this snow-storm will be over first & in the mean time I hope this will not be the last letter of mine you will be able to decipher.


Bro Fop of this Station is trying to keep things in status quo - nothing special.

You no doubt have seen the former Constitution of the "Methodist Protestant Church" It bears any thing of the kind I have ever seen - The former of the constitution of the U.S. were mere nursery-hammers compared with these modern Solon's & Minos's. The Statesmen made only 7 Articles & 20 sections - to regulate our vast empire. But these wiseacres have 17 Articles (if I did not miscount) & they are divided only into 60 sections. Prefaced by

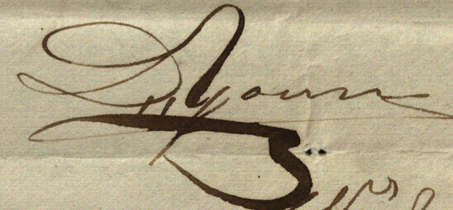
A high toned Declaration & some instructions by way
of "Bill or rights." The 3rd paragraph of which says "No person
who loves the Lord Jesus Christ &c — ought to be deprived of
Church membership — ship." O ye Presbyterian or Baptist lovers
of the "Lord Jesus Christ" here is a fine opportunity
for amalgamation! The 9th paragraph says "It is the duty
of all ministers & members of the church to maintain
godliness & oppose moral evil" This is duty where is the penalty?
They have taken great apparent pains for Article 10
Sec. 1. reads "No rule shall be proposed which shall contra-
=vene any law of God." Why no say no rule shall be
proposed to reject the Bible? However lest you should
this was all ill nature I wish to say that if the
15th Article of their Canⁿ was expunged from
the unnatural place where it is & transferred
to a set of rules or laws instead of Constitution
it would be a good thing — in some form or other
But I am tired of it — Hutton of Pitts^{gh}
It is said after all has not yet joined the Reds
But is on the stool of repentance — I hope he will
do a good deal of penance before we have any
thing more to do with him unless it be to expel
him! I may make too little allowance for the
Whimsical half-cracked soul — & twice is over
too often to have heard his itinerant bottom!
What is come of Poor Abel — Will he not die
without any Cain to kill him?
Above all I want to hear all the ingrep & egress

ingrep & egress of W Burke as I have heard not
a syllable since then.

How do you get along in Cin
with a quadruple supply of Prents! Will you not
have to stay at home this year also after all?
What are your Cin Reds doing? How do you
get along with your law-suits — I do not mean
=ble myself with the politics of the day but it would
be so contrived that your injunction grant
could be taken from the bench of the S.P. Court
until he learns that a prayer-meeting is a place
of "Religious worship I should be glad — this is
all in vain — all will be well!

I sometimes think of  to see
you next summer if spared & able
Write me soon — write me all —
remember me to all your preachers by name
give my respects to Sister Shirley & Emory
& believe me to be unchangeably yours in the
Bonds of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

J. B. Finney

Yours


Family tolerably well — All Yarnes
wishes to be remembered to you & Sister
Finney James
