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passage of the bill laid over from last year  
for the benefit of Divine Snyder & Shack  
those unfortunate men have already sustained  
an amount of injury that entitles them to much  
more than this bill if passed will do for them

your friend  
James Rosenman

Fairview C. Jan'y 24<sup>th</sup> 1849

I read this morning among other letters one from a friend now at Columbus, who says you have enquired kindly of him about me. which revived the recollections of our last winters correspondence & our disparted minds in you not taking this way to the General conference as you suggested might be the case, as my Mother (who is now very feeble) my wife & my self. Anticipate the pleasure of having you a night at least with us. But the care & thuds of traveling by Steam holds out strong inducements. Especially to persons advanced in years to prefer that medium - Well Thank God. if we may not meet on Earth we hope to meet where all many Old friends & friends and the joy of the plan is not marred by the excitement of Mal Legislation, or the intrigue of Political demagogues, none of those with their concomitants will be there. but pure health harmony Order & Love will be there. & the presence of <sup>the</sup> Saviour of fallen men will be the center of pure enjoyment to impart energy to the strains of Rapturous Hallelujahs that will be a part of the Employment of <sup>the</sup> Redeemed. Thanks be to God many of mine are safe in that abode & my son now in 22<sup>nd</sup> year of his age to whom I have been looking as the stay of declining years. who would soon take my place & relieve me from the burthen of Business & its responsibilities has been in a declining state of health for the last 4 months. & I see no prospect of his living through the Spring. But the looking for bereavement is soothing knowing that he is prepared for a better habitation. The Lord knows what is best for us all. The present state of the world & Especially Europe is of such an aspect as to admonish us that we have entered upon an interesting & new era of its history. & Especially to wake up an increased interest among Christians. The Popes temporal power may now be regarded as at an end. This event was you know fixed by Wisley at about this period, as well as by other able commentators on the Sacred Scriptures -

Mr  
J. W. Morrison  
Belmont South  
Feb 4 9

This being so may we not soon look also for the  
fulfilment of what is expected to follow, without any reference  
to Millersburg I regard the passing events as they affect Govern-  
ment & Monarchy, as well as the church big with momentous  
consequences, In this section there appears to be a general  
Quickening & Spirituality influence prevailing. On this same  
Circuit there have been the commencement of revivals at the several  
Appointments 15 in the revivals & a large accession to the  
probationary part of the membership, this interests me more  
than does politics or new counties, but it is certainly the  
duty of every Christian to be impressed with a sense of duty  
at least to strive to exert a prudent & salutary influence in  
such matters & it is to be lamented, that the friends of religious order  
of all sects are not more united in their efforts to prevent the  
excitement confusion & confusion that disorganizes our cells of legisla-  
-tion a specimen of which we have lately witnessed to the mortifi-  
-cation of all good people in our otherwise favored State  
May none of those men be ever sent back in their present capa-  
-city. I must stop. I am neither a Statesman or Divine, but the  
interest of the good of both departments has carried me beyond  
the limits of your endurance perhaps, before you get through its  
reading, But while we are on terra firma in accordance  
with obvious duty connected with constitutional privileges  
rights & conveniences relating to ourselves & those who come  
after us there are many things that require concerted action  
and combined effort & from a consciousness of duty as an indivi-  
-dual I take an interest in the project of the proposed  
County of Cumberland, regardless of all selfish or  
political motives. And if those considerations had not  
been brought to bear on the question, when our claims  
ought to have been granted we should not now be troubled  
with urging it again & at this time, It is known at  
Columbus & here that the most selfish, unrighteous & unwarrantable  
Opposition to our claims has been resorted to by parties who  
have never been able to oppose us with any valid  
or fair arguments

Our claim is predicated on three facts. 1<sup>st</sup> This is  
constitutional territory here without reducing any of the counties  
concerned to their constitutional limits & give the reason  
Several miles over what the constitution requires. 2<sup>nd</sup> We are  
on the national road equal distance 20 miles each from  
St. Clairsville & Cambridge & about 25 miles each from  
Cádiz & Woodsfield, we or a portion of us have helped  
to erect the public buildings in this & Belmont County  
for which they do not now thank us, but like the old  
monarchs of Europe wish to hold on regardless of all reason  
& justice. When we have to transact the smallest amount  
of business at either of the county seats we have either to  
start before day, be out after night or take 2 days to it  
and from those inconveniences with others that could be  
named we hope to be relieved in the accomplishment  
of the new county project. The strong Opposition from Cam-  
-berrill is not on the ground that a new county ought not  
to be made, but because the Court house is not to be  
placed there which their location is against, I think  
any one acquainted with this section of the State by look-  
-ing at the map & the plats of the several new counties  
now about to be asked for that every unprejudiced  
mind will decide in favor of our claim. Which when  
granted will put all future claims & questions of removal  
-also far east of the Muskingum & it will be wisdom  
in the present Assembly to act definitely on the matter  
and thereby prevent the expense of future legislation we  
shall bind up the names of 1800 to 2000 persons voters  
within the bounds of the new county paying for its  
Erection, now as to the facts as set forth on this behalf  
I challenge successful contradiction, but least I  
worry you I close with asking permission, without  
being presumptuous, to solicit your friendly interposition  
in our favor, in your friendly intercourse with  
the members of the present Legislature, & also in the