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### Letter from Martin Hitt to James B. Finley

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Dear Bro June 24<sup>th</sup>: 1823

these may inform you that I recd your and also a verbal  
account by Bro Hammetton but part of your request appear  
out of our power in as much as Betsey Reynolds has been on the  
point of death: sally has been and still is confined there a week  
to the wise may suffice: I was glad to hear of the good times  
you have and as it respects the opposition you have to <sup>the</sup> ~~improvement~~  
if you are all faithful it will work for good: I am very  
sorrow we have not persecution: but the devil is so subtle  
he has taken another method in my opinion he has sent  
Masons into our Church to corrupt us more and more <sup>and</sup>  
I was applied to for the use of the meeting house the Celeb  
of St Jns length day I asked who was to deliver the oration  
and it was said to be J Booley: I said the Court have no  
good enough for that delinquent creature and refused to let  
them in: but some of the trustees who was intrusted in  
the would gave them privilege and report says they march  
on the fiddle and bass drum in front and some said they  
played in the house others they only tuned: but Booley went  
into the pulpit and had the ~~oration~~ <sup>oration</sup> ~~note~~ <sup>note</sup> down and then made  
a poor out: I felt myself so hurt that I knew not what  
to do but when men are made class leaders that have high <sup>and</sup> ~~brave~~  
hats with buckles and ribbons: and their foretops back as known  
or trusted their dog ears and peacock tails and Churns <sup>is</sup> ~~tales~~  
together with night and left shoes: Curless Joins: and unless  
some some measure is taken to purify our Church we must be  
wound oh that a good god may see me from all impurity  
I suppose the masons took this method to get revenge for my opposition  
that they might have an entire sway by Conference  
may the Lord bless you and yours with all that is best for you  
A dear

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Delaware, O  
10. July 1833

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