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Dear Brother

Baltimore

March 30th,
1821

I gladly embrace the opportunity, by Bro. Miller of writing you a few lines. I hope they will find you in health and peace, prosecuting your mission among the Indians with great success. May thousands of the heathen tribes be happily, through your mission brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, your labours, sufferings and privations, will not be forgotten by the chief shepherd, when he shall appear, the great head of the Church be with and sustain you in your labours to promote his glory in the salvation of souls.

We have closed our conference in peace, better than two thousand dollars insolvent, money is scarce, times hard - yet I hope we shall be enabled to get along through all our difficulties. I am sure we shall unless we are unfaithful, if we do our duty and trust in God, he will not fail us.

In the midst of our pecuniary embarrassments, I have been doing a little for you to aid you in your mission among the Indians, I have deposited in the hands of Bro. Joshua Soule the treasurer of the missionary society, four hundred and thirty six dollars, this sum I hereby authorize you in the name of your conference to draw on him for, to be applied specifically to the mission you are engaged in, among the Indians and at large - as possible I may be able to get you a few dollars more. ~~soon~~ ~~possibly~~ I should rejoice as it is in my power to do more for you, you must take the will for the deed,

Some restless spirits are hiding themselves in the dark and writing and circulating inflammatory pamphlets against order and government of the Church. Bishop McKendree Bro. Soule and

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it seem to be the objects of their inveterate malice. I rejoice in
being counted worthy to suffer for the cause of Christ, and
do hope that the circulation of these midnight pamphlets
will have the same effect in the west, that they have had
in the South, A confirmation of the preachers in first
principals, in favour of old Methodism, It is only to
read these pamphlets, to be convinced, fully if they were
ever to succeed, there is a destruction of Hierarchy,

Write to me by mail, Tell me what you are
doing, and whether you are as much as ever an
old Methodist, as also what the minds of the brethren
in general. Myself and family are in health -
the Lord blessing I hope you and yours enjoy
remember me and mine in your prayers -

Yours in much love
Stephen G. Boyce

Rev James D. Smith
Presiding Elder
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