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Interdict the appointing power of the Bishops this was
denied by the advocates of the measure that is was ~~to prevent~~
using their influence by argument and moral
Swayson no one who voted for the measure
~~thought~~ of empowering an annual Conference to
Interdict the Bishops in making out the
Circuits Stations & Districts; and appointing Preachers
to fill them; But if those are days of Progress
ion and great developments; and some Brethren
have got great light; on this Subject which has
not yet reached me; and I must act under the
old light; until I am better instructed on this
Subject; and I most sincerely hope that the next
General Conference will git their eyes opened to
see their inconsistancy and pass some positive rule
on this Subject or so explain the present one
that there will not be room for so much
difference of opinion -- Your Br in At
J. B. Wiley

PS Br Simpson I think it due to my self and
many of my friends that I shoudt express my own
views on this Subject as many folks reports have gone
forth on me since the Conference in that case
will you in dudge me with a place for it in the
Advocate I am as ever your Br in At
J. B. Wiley