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Bellefontaine O. May 26th 1841

Dear Father Finley

I have concluded to address you a few lines on a subject in which I feel a deep interest.

You are acquainted with my present relation to the Church. My principle design is, to obtain from you a word of advice in relation to the course I ought to pursue, at the approaching Conf. should we be spared. I think if I trust my own heart, I want to do my duty, and am determined to do it, so far as I am made acquainted with it, at my sacrifice.

I am still encouraged to apply to the O. Conf. for readmission. There also appears an anxiety on the part of some of the members of the N. O. Conf. that I should ~~be~~ apply to their Conf. Now it is true, that the horrors that came over me when I first heard that we were surrendered from the O. Conf. have measurably worn off. But still, all the reasons ~~are the reasons~~ which induced me to take the course I did last fall, (which course I was advised to take by some of the leading men of your Conf.) remain in full force, which reasons, still incline me to the South.

In a letter recently received from Bro. Amos, my last years Presiding Elder, he uses the following language. "In our Conf. the the crowd only, I think will now be in the way. I stand ready to do all I can for you on fair and honorable terms." &c. He speaks of his district as being heavily loaded now, but says some of his men he thinks will have to be removed to other parts of the

field. He says "this may leave room," &c. He also says, there may be room in other districts, and advises me to correspond with other Presiding Elders. Now, what shall I do? What is my duty? Will the crowd be more in the way this year than it was last? Several ~~men~~ were readmitted last year, and I understand that a good number of the Conf. expected me to be on at Geneva for myself for readmission. You know however what prevented me.

Now in view of every circumstance — My wife's poor health (hardly any health) &c. &c. Shall I join the N. O. Conf. or apply for readmission in your Conf.

No word from you will do much to decide my mind. Will you be so good as to write me on the receipt of this.

We are still on this Circuit. We have glorious times in places. The Lord be praised. My wife's health is good but she is able to be about. My own is pretty good for me.

I heard some days ago that you had an intention to come over to the N. O. Conf. Now if this is so, I shall feel more like staying over the line. Write me if you please what you intend to do.

In great haste I remain yours most Affectionately
Rev. J. M. Finley Wm. Morron

P.S. My wife joins in much love &c

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W. S. Morrow

Dear Sir,
 I have the honor
 to acknowledge the
 receipt of your
 letter of the 11th
 inst. in relation
 to the above
 named subject.
 I have the honor
 to inform you
 that the same
 has been forwarded
 to the proper
 authorities for
 their consideration.
 I am, Sir,
 very respectfully,
 Yours,
 J. B. Smith



David B