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Letter from Wright & Swormstedt to James B. Finley

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A copy of a letter to

[Signature]

Mr. Tinsley,

Grouse March 21, 1837

My dear Sir,

Some time ago, I received a letter from you, in which you expressed your regret and surprise at the late communication of your letter. I trust that your resentment will not be increased by the present communication, which is intended to allay your feelings and to explain the circumstances which caused the delay.

I have been informed that a letter was sent to you by Mr. Smith, the publisher, and that it contained an explanation of the circumstances which led to the delay. I have also been informed that you have received a copy of the letter, which I trust will have allayed your feelings and removed any doubts you may have had.

I trust that you will now see that the delay was caused by the exigencies of business and that there was no intention of neglecting your request. I am now in a position to reply to your letter, and I trust that you will find my reply satisfactory.

I have been informed that you are in want of a copy of the letter, and I am now arranging to have such a copy sent to you. I trust that you will receive it in time to enable you to make your own arrangements.

I am, Sir, yours truly,

[Signature]
in the work and on occasion now seems, so ingrained a
rule that might actually afford the preamble and
interlude, which the Crown adopted. Hence he called one
of his "agents" with little ceremony being drawn up
in haste by himself. The same term which he did not suggest
any doubt of the legality of publishing a new work but
know in our catalogue of all expensive money for the
procurement at the manuscript copy at cost in that
he did not happen to think of any County on the subject and
that his mind should operate to show in his misfortune
rather than his fault—this he has no doubt but his Master
and Omniscient Judge will overlook this as an inexpedient.

And he was a "Good Work of" Authorized
as once in the Discipline or you suppose him to be.
Now I have arrived this month to his own satisfaction
and that of his employer.

In conclusion we ask you to
read the whole action in the Book Concern and then
ask yourself this question—Whether men declare
that he has no right at all to publish or print
any book found in our Catalogue if the same has
been prescribed at M.7. Will they not endeavour
to have the agents concerned be the real G. B. con-
if they publish any new work not known in the Ca-
talogue?

When called to act in this matter
we keep all, and refer to the Council of Brothers and
submit them the subject to you first in two plain
questions—

the last question to request from me
Bro Finley,

Yours of the 18th inst is received and from its character we infer that when you received our communication you laid it aside and during your “nights reflection” you forgot nearly all it contained and imagined a great many things as “well covered” which had no existence either in our letter or in our minds. We wish you to know distinctly that we have no disposition to use any language towards you except that which is decorous and respectful, and that no circumstance or combination of circumstances however exciting could induce us to address you in the manner and style of your letter.

Our object in writing at this time is to furnish some explanation of Wright’s silence as you term it and of which you complain so much.

When Bishop Soule’s letter was read to the Book Com. (which was the first notice Wright had of such a matter) all seemed to be greatly animated with the prospect of having a book and of having good one, for you told us that Bp. T. Morris & Judge McLean had promised to assist you. This contemplated book engrossed the whole attention and we examined into nothing except the ways & means of accomplishing the object. Wright was far from being silent, in one respect, for he was as anxious to have a book as perhaps any one present, and is willing to have you sustained in the work and as occasion now seems to require we would say that Wright actually drafted the preamble and resolution which the Com. adopted. Hence he called of them “vague” with so little ceremony being drawn up in haste by himself. The simple reason why he did not suggest any doubt of the legality of publishing a new books not known in our catalogue or of expending money for the procurement of the manuscript copy at Cinci is – that he did not happen to think of any doubt on the subject and that his mind should operate so slow is his misfortune rather than his fault, and he has no doubt but his Merciful and Omniscient Judge will overlook this as an infirmity.

Had he been a “Gen. Book Agt” authorized as such in the Discipline as you suppose him to he would have arranged the matter to his own satisfaction and that of his offended Bro.-

In conclusion we ask you to read the whole section on the Book Concern and then ask yourself this question – If Eastern men decided that we had no right Cinci to publish or print, any book found in our catalogue if the same had been sterotyped at N.Y. will they not endeavor to have the agents censured by the next Gel. Conf. if they publish any new work not known in the catalogue? When called to act in this matter we hesitated and begged the counsel of brethren and Subcommittee the subject to you first in two plain questions. We have reason to expect from an aged Bro, and chairman of the Book Comm, his views and counsel gravely set forth and calculated either to remove or confirm our doubts in regard to the legality of the measure – but instead thereof we regret to say a letter of abuse was ret’d.

Yours,

W. & S.

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