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Dear Brother. Yours of 25th Ult, came to hand on yesterday, and has been duly considered. I thank you, for your approval, of my action, in relation to Mr. Jones: And that you may more fully, understand my inducements, to persue the course I have; (I here give them) they were the follow=ing. First, his informing Bro. Shaver that he was appointed to the superintendance of the Station; when I only informed him that it was not spplyed, and recomended him, to visit it, without being under any obligation to remain — consequently, all was open & unsettled, nor had he exhibeted to me, any certificate from the Miss. — Con —: nor indeed, had he obtained one, at that time — Secondly, Not long after the publication, of the extracts from our Minits in the Protestant, I received a shot note from a gentleman in No. Carolina, inquiring for his post office &c. Thirdly, there was an expression in your former letter, that impressed me, with the belief, that he had not your full confidence; indeed, I infered, that you was not, pleased with him

Fourthly, these apprehentions were increased, by hearing, that something had reached the Station (in what form, I did not learn); impugning his in=tegrity, both as a christian, and a gentleman: but, the particulars were undefined: and this information, did not reach me utill Bro. Butler, had forwarded me his transfer; and further; nothing that I had heard, assumed the shape, of defitinatenes; or absolute certainty— Nor was I informed (of any) specific charges, forward=ed to any one.

A fifth reason was a rule that I have intended to persuse, (Viz) not to appoint any one to superin=tend a charge, without the advice of the Church, through some of their principal mem=bers, or the action of their quarterly confer=ence.

I regret that the social sweets of your fellow=ship has been mixed with a cup of "Marah's water," and did I know how to "speak to the Rock"; waters should gush forth; pure, purling and healthgiving; at which, you all might drink, and still, the flowing stream continue, to deepen, and widen, from streamlet to river, and from river to Ocean; Ah! an Ocean to bathe in: giving life, and health, and Joy—

It has been no small self denial to me that I have thus fare been prevented from

visiting you but if providence will permit I yet hope to see you in Sept. or Oct. yet my way is much hedged up and may possibly be more so as I am yet without a fixed home and see little prospect short of the "far west"

Your former letter contained a political interogatory which was partly waved, tho not without some indirect objection I hoped in this you would have given me your position with your whys & wherefores but I suppose your minded was fixed in the church and its interest,

What do you think of Gen. Z. Taylor? is he Whig? is he democrat? is he Both? or does he know enough of political dogmas, to define his position?

Please enlighten me; as you are near our Capital What do the mongral democrats; and Moon struck whigs expect to do: write me fully on this — I am in a corner & in five miles of the State line — Write soon, for the Whigs, alias no party, all party, Taylor men, expect hold a wonderous Mass meeting in these ends — on the 31st inst. I understand that "Bill Murphy" is to be "high priest" and bless the sacrafice

Did you not forget to return me that transfer &c you may be well assured that I will not hand it to Mr. Jones before I get it. I wish the transfer returned and I will try and put an end to it. Will you please forward it without delay I am anxious to ~~wash~~ wash my hands of the matter

and that I may act advisedly I beg you to communicate freely — I have before me a letter from Jones informing me he is off for Collumbus Mi. It occurs to me that good faith dictates I should inform Bro. Butler something of the reasons of the return of the transfer give me your mind on this matter

As ever yours in much esteem

James Mak

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P.S. My best regard to Sister Hall and your fine children

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