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Wilmington the 20th Dec 1821

Dear brother as I contemplate visiting your
place in about four weeks if the Shipping
will ^{answer} for the purpose of purchasing some few
such as muskrat mink and other. I want to
get some information what articles I can bring
to give in Exchange. I expect to start with some
Hats please give A description of more that will
answer to bring. I also wish you to direct the
best route to come in A Ship the distance or
I rec'd A letter from Brother Moory not long
since he informed me it could be had at
Detroit next spring. I wish to know whether
there is any communication between Detroit
and where you are. B. Strange holds A
quarterly meeting at Urbana about the 20th of
January from thence he expects to visit your
place and then go on to Detroit he preached
in this place last Sunday. B. Trader was here
also. at which time B. Truesdale & myself
made our calculation to accompany him if the
Shipping would answer. Religion at present
appears to be much on A stand ^{some} it appears discou-
-raging but in examining the Church ~~at~~ generally
they appear to be ^{more} Established than at other
times when they all appeared as it used
to be on the wing. since Camp meetings I
have discovered that Wilmington and its
neighbourhood is completely rethrodise W
Cole & his wife are Established and I think
if you could come and trouble the water
and more they would step in. since I have
been writing this letter I concluded that
we could make arrangement to hold

next fall A camp meeting next fall
about the time of conference and make it
convenient for you to attend on your way
Brother Walker has moved his health and
has come on to his circuit and it is to be
feared will be attended ^{with} rather A bad consequence
owing to the people being so much swallowed
up with B W. Guin. I have Mr. Colles respects
for you as he is at home attending court and
expects to return to the Legislature the last
of this week he intends writing to you from
Columbus I cannot think of half what I
want to write so I conclude by subscribing
myself your Brother & Christ
Jas. Finley James Birdwell