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Letter from William T. Hand to James B. Finley

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Burlington Lawrence Co. Dec. 3. 1846.

Dear Bro. Finley -

I have taken the liberty to forward you a line, to inform you that we have in this place a vacancy by the expiration of their term of office, two Associate Judges - of course two new ones will be appointed by the present Legislature, to fill said vacancies.

A good deal of stir is made to have a Presbyterian, and a Baptist, occupy the place. We think that duty to the cause we love urges us to bestir ourselves in behalf of Methodism - especially when we are convinced that we have better men - men better qualified every way. Knowing your influence, both as a Methodist-Teacher, and as a Whig, I have forwarded this note to you, to ask you to exert it in our behalf, by conversing on this subject privately with those members of our Church, who are members of the Legislature this session.

I therefore cordially recommend the two following brethren to your notice, viz: - John Bryan, & Salmon Beckard - as True Methodists, and True Whigs. Their names will be before the House at a proper time - But you must Log-roll, at a very early period if any thing is accomplished.

Please attend to this - I am very solicitous particularly that Bro. Bryan should be elected, because it may exert a favorable influence in our behalf for seven years to come. It is very important. So your best. I have made a similar request of Bro. Meady. All is well - The Lord bless you.

Yours in love

W. L. Hand,

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