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Bethlehem Sept. 26th 1829.

Dear Brother Rigart,

Brother Herman, who was here to-day, to whom I was glad to see in good health, advised me to address a few lines to you, to request, that you would kindly take charge of my baggage, & put it up in your store till I can make it practicable to come to Lancaster. You will find that I require much of you, as some of the packages are not small nor light. As all was packed up in a hurry, my goods are much intermixed, on which account I should not like any to be opened before we arrive, as by unavoidable accidents smaller things & papers might be mislaid. The reason of this hurry is that we were desirous that no time should be lost after we were set at liberty from our former station, which was not till the end of July. We are now equally anxious to be at our place of destination, well aware that the length of time intervening between the departure of my predecessor & my arrival must connect with it considerable inconvenience, not only to my brethren who have fulfilled the duties of the ministerial office from Sunday to Sunday, but also to the congregation at large in a variety of ways. However we have been informed that the 11th Oct. the day of the Congregation - festival of Lancaster Church will be the most convenient day for our introduction, & hence we purpose, according to the advice of the Brethren at Bethlehem, to arrange our journey so, as to arrive in the course of the week preceding that day. Still we leave all determination of particulars till the return of B. Schwinitz, who is expected here on Tuesday next. Having understood that you are a member of the Committee, or a Trustee, of the Brethren's Cong. at Lancaster, I would further request, that you would kindly mention to your dear colleagues in office what our intentions now are, & that I, with my dear wife & son, accompanied by my dear wife's sister S. Mary Parsons hope to arrive at Lancaster some day between the 6th & 10th Oct. when we promise ourselves the pleasure of forming agreeable acquaintance with you & them. Meanwhile we commend ourselves beforehand to your

to you & all our dear Brethren & Sisters, among whom we are united to
to labour for our common Head & Lord & look for the progress of the
whole congregation in our behalf, that we may be blessed in our station
& set for a blessing to those with whom we are to stand in so important
a relation. — Just now Br. Seidel suggests, that I should mention
to you, in addition to the above, that my goods were sent by Br. Birminger
from New-York to Br. Jordan in Philadelphia, & that I should request
you to notify to that brother, by what means they may most conveniently
be forwarded from that city to Lancaster. May I then solicit your
kind attention to this request.

We all unite in kind salutations to all inquiring
Brethren & Sisters at Lancaster, hoping soon to have opportunity for
becoming personally acquainted with them.

I am

Yours affectionate brother
Thos. To. Reichel.

[Faint, illegible handwriting, possibly bleed-through or a second draft.]

Pittsfield N.S.
Sep 27

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