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Bethlehem Oct. 6th 1829.

Dear Brother Rigardt,

According to promise I now write to inform you that it is our intention to leave this place on Thursday morning, God willing, & that we hope to arrive at Lancaster on Friday evening. Our company will consist of S^r Mary Dubois, my sister in law, & our little boy (Frank), besides my dear wife & self. My brother Benjamin will probably spend a day or two with us. As we intend to call at Litz we may possibly be delayed there, so that I fear we may be late. I have intelligence from Philadelphia, that our baggage arrived there safely, & I hope to find it at Lancaster. Part of Saturday may be appropriated by us for unpacking some of the chests, some of which especially books as may seem to have suffered in the carriage. All particulars of this kind must however be determined when we shall have arrived at the place of our destination. Our reputation is, that we shall soon find ourselves comfortably settled in our new station; every thing that we have heard from the Brethren here, especially Bro^r Zemanoff & Schewinitz, is calculated to encourage us to believe that our dear brethren & sisters of Lancaster congregation will receive us in cordial love, & thus we may cherish the lively hope that the blessing of the Lord will rest upon us & the people whom we are called to serve in the gospel.

The sickness & subsequent departure of the little son of B. & S^r Herman at Nazareth precluded the possibility of receiving from them much information, which they would have been able to give us. While we deplore this circumstance, we sincerely sympathize with them

in their affliction which has been sent to them by Him, whose ways are
incomprehensible to us, while we are permitted to believe that they are
intended for nothing but good in the end.

On Sunday morning we hope to join in the solemnities of
the festive anniversary of your congregation.

We all unite in cordial love to you & to all our dear
brethren & sisters.

I remain

your affectionate brother

Chas. F. Reichel.

(Please to come haste)

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Pennsylvania,
Oct. 6.

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Adam Reigardt Esq^r

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