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Parrottatta March 16th 1816

Rev. J. J. Smith

(Ans. June 7/17 by W. Tyler)

In answer to your letter relative to forming a Society here to cooperate with you I am sorry to say that this cannot be done at the present time, but hope when the times change this desirable object may be accomplished. we see no reason to alter our opinion which I and my colleagues expressed to you in a letter forwarded by the Northampton. This Colony is at present in a very unsettled state. Those in Authority are not cordial, which creates much political Confusion, and totally prevents any thing of a religious nature from being promoted. The present Government will not continue long in its present state - I will not lose any opportunity to promote the wishes of the Society in this respect. Should a new Governor be sent out, which I think probable for several reasons, I trust the Society will not fail to interest him in the Cause, if possible; at least so far as not to create great difficulties in the way.