

of this entire church, if it were had, would be diminished from one half to one sixth of the authority. You will see that the pastor, in laboring for associated relations of churches and pastors, is diminishing his own authority, & placing authority over himself as well as over the churches. Again; making independent churches of congregational churches, we know nothing of in our order, and we know not by what authority you demand letters for such an object. If you, however, feel aggrieved, we know of but one orderly course you can pursue, namely, to make complaint of your pastor's refusal to aid in such a dissolution, to his Association, viz. "Lorain county Association" Ohio. This you may direct to the care of any of the Professors of the Oberlin Collegiate Institute, giving your pastor a copy of proceedings. Brother Nichols claims exemption from any responsibility to act in this question, as it was mutually understood, that his relation to the church was only for the enjoyment of the ordinances during his short stay among us. And now may our Lord direct us all and carry us safely through every trial for his glory and our good.

J. S. Griffin  
P. B. Littlejohn.



P. S. you say, "In order to be connected  
with a church at home"; We do not  
know why you did not say, "~~in~~ in or-  
der to form one at home, so long as  
there is none.

J. S. Griffin  
P. B. Littlejohn

Boston Letter

Forest Grove Oct. 4th 1853.

Copy of the report made this day  
before the Church by A. O. Smith,  
J. Shiffin & Wm. Elizer jun, together  
with the resolution of the Church  
in reference to the same.

1st. Request.

We ask for a mutual council of all  
concerned in the efforts of Congregationalism in  
Inglatun Plains from the commencement of the  
settlement, that the questions of order which  
have arisen may be submitted to intel-  
ligent Congregational Christian Ministers and  
Laymen, who can, without bias, give their  
decisions in accordance with the evidence  
and Congregational usages & the laws of  
moral order.

2nd Resolution of the Church.

Resolved Unanimously, after a full discussion,  
that we cannot grant the request, because  
we consider it improper for us as a Church to  
grant a mutual council for the investigation of  
the laws of moral order in the Congregational Church.



Inasmuch as there seems to have been  
a misunderstanding between the Chh at  
West Tualatin and those who lately requested  
them to call a mutual Council of Christian  
Ministers and Laymen to settle certain  
difficulties existing. And since by mutual  
explanations before a Committee appointed  
at Oregon City by Congl Ministers, then  
convened, these misunderstandings were in  
a measure removed, we would respectfully  
advise the Chh at West Tualatin to  
call a Mutual Council for the settlement  
of such <sup>existing</sup> difficulties as may properly be  
brought before them by those aggrieved  
Oregon City Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 1853

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