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can see. There is one thing clear to my mind
while the present state of divided feeling is awfully
^{alarming}
there is not the slightest hope of unanimity, if we
should try to effect it in favor of Colonization. The
other side will prevail & then, if any, when we
may at length find unanim^{ity}.

Yours in the service

of the Lord Jesus.

J. Montfort

While we send our names, however, I would
be willing to do any service which might seem
to be required by so good a cause. We are opposed
to any harsh & violent measures. And the belief
that such have been adopted by some of the leaders
in emancipation have induced many in this
country to stand back. There is a sensitiveness
on this subject which it is dangerous to stir
up. As a strong excitement would keep very many
back from listening to information or arguments on
the subject. The unpleasant agitation which the discussion
produced at Medson has deterred many good people
from meddling with it. We had the subject discus-
sed gravely & coolly in our court house ^{before} a large
assembly on the 4th July. As far as I can judge
public sentiment espoused our side. But we
dare not press the matter vehemently.

What the subject wants is light, a kind & gentle
exhibition of facts & arguments, which even your
learned Doctors who look through green spectacles

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Dear Sir

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It is a fortnight since I received your Circular which I should have answered without delay, but for the hope of obtaining other names to send with my own. To your sentiments as expressed in this document I cordially subscribe & sincerely wish & pray, that they may speedily be disseminated from the Sabine to the St. Croix. No arguments can stand before the common sense doctrine of immediate emancipation. I have conversed with two other Ministers who agree with me & will lend their names to support your cause
Rev. J. J. Shippard of Prussia Lorain Co. &
x Rev. E. Barber of Milan Huron Co.
There are other Ministers in the neighborhood of similar feelings, whose relations to the community they think forbid them to step forward on this subject. Indeed most of the ministers with whom I am acquainted would fall in with immediate emancipation.