

To the Clerk of Middle Parish Congregational Society in the Town of Granville Greeting –

We the subscribed members of the ecclesiastical society of Middle Granville having learned from experience that we, as members of said society, have become associated with certain individuals who are determined to gratify their own passions relative to employing preachers, who will satisfy their love of flattery, and smooth things having learned also that said individuals are determined to hire settle or unsettle ministers, just as caprice may dictate, and not as reason or justice requires; – and having learned also that we cannot express our opinions in Parish meetings without giving great offense to these individuals, if our opinions differ from theirs; – and having seen also the various stratagems to which they resort in order to carry their points against the will of the majority; and having seen their last device to eject certain members from the society by reconstructing the membership of the society on the plea of illegality and adopting rules by which some of its present members may be excluded; and being also convinced that there cannot be that order and harmony of actions which is necessary to the prosperity of any religious society – therefore we have resolved to withdraw our names from said society and have nothing more to do with its actions or responsibilities.

West Granville  
March 18, 1857

Wm H Johnson  
Selden Mitchell  
Lucius W. Mitchell  
Samuel Colton  
Leander Harger  
Lyman B Marks  
Wesley L Boies [Boise]  
Wm. W Baldwin  
L.H. Treat  
George W Terrett  
Luman Gorham  
Eliser B Hayden  
Francis G Baker  
W G Hall  
B. F. Terrett  
H.G. Robinson  
Dwight M Wheeler  
E.F. Miner  
Andrew Beldin [Belden]  
G.B. Clark