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in the early formation of the Society — and in
this belief, I have remained unshaken, tho' defici-
ent in maintaining many of the precious Testi-
monies held forth by them, & which are essential
to be kept in view, & practiced by all their fol-
lowers —

I have at this time many serious trials,
& difficulties to encounter, nevertheless, I am led
to believe, that the time has arrived, that I might
communicate the circumstance to my friends, &
so soon as they are satisfied therewith, I am dispo-
sed to attend with them in their meetings of di-
scipline — united & embodied with them in
religious fellowship, in endeavoring to promote,
& advance, the great cause in which, I trust they
are religiously engaged —

Respectfully, your friend

Jos. Townsend

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