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Bro R. M. Bishop

Your letter covering the Original propositions for the settling month of our Church troubles with Regent V. Forward & others, and signed by him, Barnes, Smith & Luson was received on the 31st Ult. To this paper the name of J. D. Pickett is not attached as to a former and a different proposition.

The one now before us reads as follows;

"We hereby mutually agree to submit all matters of difficulties & grievances existing between us (that is the Church and the expelled) to an Arbitration Committee of nine experienced, and discreet brethren. Four of whom shall be chosen by us respectively, and the eight thus chosen to select the ninth person as an umpire, all of whom shall be mutually acceptable to us, and we hereby bind ourselves to abide the decision of said Committee"

The above proposition signed by any of the excluded parties, has never been before us. Their former proposition dated — is quite different