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expectations, to their present and future welfare, and they
are under equal obligation, to give him that kind of
support which will enable him, if rightly disposed,
to spend and be spent in their service, And it
does appear to me that if I was to be entitled to my
Salary only whilst I supplied the pulpit, I should conti-
nually be anxious to lay up something to support me
if I should ever be unable to preach, I fear I should
feel so great a degree of anxiety as would injure my
usefulness amongst you, — Thus my Brethren, are
some of the leading objections to the mode of settlement
in which you have requested me to remain with you,
But as those of you, with whom I have conversed, have
expressed a willingness to alter the mode, I shall
most cheerfully suspend my answer till the Town
shall have an opportunity to meet and express
their feelings on the subject, Praying that God may
direct both you and me to do what will advance
his glory and our best good, — I subscribe my-
self your friend, in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus
Christ,

Rufus Hurdut,