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W. Alexandria D
Dumfries
J. D. Givensley
Columbus
Ohio

67 Brooks
June 1846

West Alexandria June 6th 1846
Affectionate Grandfather
Yours that its will be a matter of utter
impossibility for me to be in Columbus
before the 16th or 17th the 14th. as my School
does not expire before the 14th. It would
have been out on the 3th of June had it
not been for my indisposition of health which
has lengthened it some 8 or 10 days. You
stated that you had obtained a birth
for me in a dry goods establishment in your
city. but on what terms and for what
length of time you say nothing about. I should
like to give up my School for a birth that
I know nothing about. I can get wages that
will justify my coming. I will come on
so soon as my School expires. I have some
considerable competition in my School affair
and I should not like to quit it and
go to Columbus unless I had a prospect of
doing as well as I could with it. true
I do not like the business but if I can do
no better I think it would be policy for
me to continue. I thought I would drop
you a line and you will have time to write
to me again before my School expires

If you write on Tuesday I will get it
on Wednesday and will have time to make
preparations to start on the Monday following
as my school will expire on Saturday & thus
I should not like to start on Sabbath
day if things be favourable I will start on
Monday I do not want extravagant wages
at all I only want a fair compensation
and one that I can live I want you to
write forthwith so soon as you receive
this and inform me on what terms and for
what length of time and all about it.
You can inform the Gentlemen that it is
impossible for me to be there before the 13th or
16th as my school will not expire
before the aforesaid specified time and
I could not leave it before. You also
stated that you would not have me
to fail on any account I am sorry on
your account that I could not count for the
month but it certainly would be inadvisable
for me to leave my school before it
expires for various reasons. Hoping that
this may be considered a legal excuse
I must close ~~and give me info~~ by asking
you to give me your views at length
as I know you will advise for the best
and if things wear a favourable aspect I
will be forthcoming immediately I am

perfectly willing to confine ^{myself} strictly
to business & do for my employers all that
is within my power which I believe to
be the duty of any one engaged in business
Father & Mother have returned from
Chagassoon they found our relatives in
good health and doing very well. James
and Margaret have had an accession into
their family viz that of a fine daughter
Eliza Brooke I believe she is called. They
all unite in love to give our family whom
I was at home last were all well
If you think it advisable I will come
up at the expiration of my school write
forth with. Remember your undisturbed
Grandson at a throne of grace. may the
great head of the Church direct and
support you in my prayers I am as
ever yours with profound respect

Wm Jas. B. Pinby

C. B. Brooke