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Chillicothe April 18. 1846

11. Dear Uncle

I permit me to inform you in a few words that we are all well at present excepting my beloved old Father and he Physically is as well as could be expected Yet his mind you are aware is very much impaired so much so that he does not at times recognise his own children But I must here recur to another subject which permit to say is one of vast concern to me I am exceedingly sorry in connection with Father that you have at last come to so bad an end for my part I was under the impression when I became sufficient old to value a name that no person could be more highly honored than myself for I had a name and a respectable name one in which I saw every high quality shine out in peculiar beauty but to and behold the one after whom I was named is an inhabitant of the Ohio Penitentiary well I can only sympathize with you and say to you when you get out endeavor to do better for the time to come Now Uncle for my object in writing I suppose you have not forgot the promise you made to me when last I had the pleasure of seeing ^{you} if you have permit me to remind you of the same You said when I was ready for you to officiate at my wedding all I had to do was to let you know in time I suppose I have here given you time enough and as you expect to be here on the 26th day of May I wish to state to you that we will be ready after the 28th of May as that is the ^{day} on which my present term of schooling will expire and then after that I am ready for the ceremony I should be glad that you would make

John
J. P. McKeown
not answered

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28 days 1846

PAID

Rev. James B. Folsom

Columbus

Ohio



Some kind of arrangements so as to spend your time in our City
until the Monday or Tuesday morning following as we have
arranged matters in such a way as to get married in the morning
in time to leave in the stage for Columbus. I thought of
saying to you if you would prefer to come down in the stage
and stay until Tuesday morning and then we will return
to Columbus with you and also I will become paymaster
for all expenses. From the time you leave Columbus until you
return this matter I wish Uncle you would not let any of our
people know nor in fact no other person although there is
no objections on either side yet she is so young that she
wishes it kept secret or as much so as possible in answer
to this letter I wish you to state to me if you can
possibly make the arrangements referred to if you can I
will be very much obliged to you and cannot consent to any
other person officiating at my wedding I hope you will
write to me as soon as you can make it convenient
In conclusion let us solicit your prayers at a throne of Grace
in our behalf

And permit us to remain yours

James. S. W. Adams

Miss Matilda Kopp

