

Philadelphia April 29<sup>th</sup> 1853  
Anti Slavery Office  
E Gray Sonning Esq.

Dear Sir.

Through the advise  
of Wm. Fawcett, Esq. of Boston, I take the  
liberty of addressing you a few lines in relation  
to my Bro. Peter.

I am exceedingly desirous  
to learn, for the satisfaction of many of Peter's  
friends as well as my own, how he is succeeding  
in raising Money: the amount he has collected,  
his prospects, plans, &c. &c. would afford us much  
satisfaction to know something about them.

Please tell Peter to write to me  
at once, as it may be of much importance to him.

Rev. Wm. H. Furness has been kind  
enough to write out the Narrative of Seth Cookin  
whose life was sacrificed in striving to secure  
the liberation of Peter's family. The Narrative, of  
course, embraces the particulars connected with  
the escape & capture of Peter's family - hence it  
will not do to publish it until P.<sup>r</sup>s family are  
redeemed. It is exceedingly thrilling & interesting.

Mr. J. M. McKim embarks for England  
tomorrow, taking a MSS. copy of the narrative

along with him, where it is to be hoped he  
will be able to do much <sup>for</sup> P. by presenting his case &c.

I will say, briefly, that we are now under  
the impression that P.'s family can be had for  
\$3000- instead of \$5000- as demanded by their  
inhuman owner. The plan is to get a man  
in the South to purchase them, at their ordinary  
Market price. In this hope we have been quite  
encouraged, having already succeeded in finding  
a gentleman, in this City, who has an Agent in  
the very County wherein P.'s family live. This gentle-  
man (Mr. G.B. Birney, Son of James G. Birney) is very  
languine that the object can be very readily accom-  
plished, and without any charge on his part, or his agent's  
all <sup>that</sup> needed is the Money, to purchase them.

Mr. Birney is connected with "Goodridge & Co's  
Law, Merchantile, and Collecting Agency's"  
offices in this City; consequently we feel it to be  
almost providential that we come a cross him.

Please do me the favor to write  
soon, as I am under an obligation to Mr. McLean  
to send him any information that I may receive  
from you, touching my Bro. &c.

Your Obedient Servant  
Wm. Still

William Hill  
April 29  
1833