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Saratoga Springs N.Y.

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Miss Marianna Gibbons.

Bird in Hand. Penn.

Esteemed Friend.

Your favor of July 23<sup>rd</sup> was duly received. I can faithfully assure you, that no apologies were necessary; and further it is a source of pleasure for me to know, that at this late date, I have found those who are interested in the work, that my father Pennington, I consider sacrificed his life in, and that I am able to second the effort to have it recorded in such form, that it will become a part of history.

I did not personally request Mr. R.M. Adger to send to you the "Fugitive Blacksmith," but presume he has done so in response to one of the many inquiries I have sent to my friends. I am also seeking for a copy of a lithograph printed in London Eng. when I was with him. A large number were sold in England and

Scotland, we also returned to New York with a large number, which were promptly disposed of. I have not been successful thus far.

Under this cover I send a detailed account of the capture, trial, and return of father Pennington's relatives, to Slavery. Critics may pass judgement upon some of the acts of his life in later years, which might not be favorable; but did they know, and could fully appreciate and realize, the extreme tension of mind to which he was subjected at that time, followed by an experience, of ingratitude, they would descend from their posthum, and cast the broad mantle of charity, over any and all overt acts from that time onward.

I regret that I cannot furnish any information of a positive or historical character, concerning the John Brown movement. I know that there were several meetings

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at various places, but I think  
that all information either written  
or printed was destroyed during  
the excitement, following the Harper's  
Ferry, so called insurrection.

After the war, I wrote to, and  
requested father P. to write me the  
most prominent events in his life, he  
promised and did partially do so.

The Harper's Ferry affair, seemed  
to always be a subject, which was  
gracefully retired to a more convenient  
season.

I will endeavor to obtain  
information, from some of the families  
of others who were also as deeply  
interested as Dr. P. and if successful  
will transmit it to you.

I remember very distinctly of his  
(John Brown) taking his breakfast at our  
house on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.Y. the last time, he  
visited the City.

The surgical operation to which I  
made reference has been postponed  
until my strength is increased, and the

temperature conditions are more favorable. I shall utilize the intervening time for the purpose of obtaining the desired information if possible.

Thanking you for the interest you have taken, I remain yours very respectfully.

J. H. Sandersonington.

J. H. S. Pennington.

Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

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