

Havana, August 11, 1856, Schuykill Co., N.Y.

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Mr. Wm. Still- Dear Sir: I came from Virginia in March, and was at your office the last of March. My object in writing you, is to inquire what I can do, or what can be done to help my wife to escape from the same bondage , that I was in. You will know by your books that I was from Petersburg, Va., and that is where my wife now is. I have received two or three letters from a lady in that place and the last one says, that my wife's mistress is dead, and that she expects to be sold. I am very anxious to what I can for her before it is to late, and beg of you to devise some means to get her away. Capt. The man that brought me away, knows the colored agent at Petersburg, and knows he will do all he can to forward my wife. The Capt. promised, that when I could raise one-hundred dollars for him that he would deliver her in Philadelphia. Tell him that I can now raise the money, and will forward it to you at any day that he thinks he can bring her. Please see the Captain and find when he will under take it, and then let me when I to forward the money to you. I am at work for the Hon. Charles Cook, and can send the money any day. My wife's name is Harriet Robertson, and the agent at Petersburg knows her. Please direct your answer, with all necessary directions to N. Coryell, of this village, and he will see that all is right.

Very Respectfully,
Daniel Robertson

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Syracuse [NewYork], Oct. 5, 1856.

Dear Friend Still: I write to you for Mrs. Susan Bell, who was at your city some time in September last. She is from Washington city. She left her dear little children behind (two children). She is stopping in our city, and wants to hear from her children very much indeed. She wishes to know if you have heard from Mr. Biglow, of Washington city. She will remain here until she can hear from you. She feels very anxious about her children, I will assure you. I should have written before this, but I have been from home much of the time since she came to our city. She want to know if Mr. Biglow has heard anything about her husband. If you have not written to Mr. Biglow, she she wishes you would. She sends her love to you and your dear family. She says that you were all kind to her, and she does not forget it. You will direct your letter to me, dear brother, and I will see that she gets it. Miss F.E. Watkins left our house yesterday for Ithaca, and other places in that part of the state. Frederick Douglass, Wm. J. Watkins and others were with us last week; Gerritt Smith with others. Miss Watkins is doing great good in our part of the State. We think much indeed of her. She is such a good and glorious speaker, that we are all charmed with her.* We have had thirty-one fugitives in the last twenty-seven; but you, no doubt, have had many more than that. I hope the good Lord may bless you and spare you long to do good to the hunted and outraged among our brethren.