

White Sulphur Ky. May 24. 1847

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My Dear Friend,

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you can to sustain the school. I will never
ask him to extend the time of the Crocker beyond
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If you find there is difficulty drop me
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your attention to this will be more than
all you have done for me - with the
school this & next year I am a free man
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price & then friends will be left to pay
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your friend
R. M. Johnson
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^{not} know what they do. This movement is very
unjust & impolitic & arising from some
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a Bond - I am in the hands of friends - will
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