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Letter from Malinda Ropp to James B. Finley

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Philadelphi May 1841

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Dear Uncle — I received your letters and to but
of one of them I think it unnecessary at present to reply
the one dated May 1st from which I was happy to
learn that your Congregation of Germans was deeply
interested in the welfare of their immortal souls
(God has been among them while you have been administering
to them in holy things and you yet hope to see many
of them converted) will a person would naturally think
and suppose if any people on this Earth need the prayers
and admonitions of a Christian it is the inhabitants
of our prisons the men and women who have broken the
laws of God and man they have a better idea of future
punishment than a person who has not been doomed
to punishment for disobeying the laws of his land
and of course would be more inclined to receive that which
would be a benefit to them not only in this world but
in the world to come however as I am extremely ignorant
of a majority of their crimes and also of the particular
state of their minds I conceive myself incompetent
to judge of what can be done for them I should be much
pleased to visit the asylums as you stated and then go
and see your congregations not only once but as often
as it gathered together whilst I stayed in your
City for one intention was to spend two or three
weeks if we could find any thing in Columbus to
attract the attention for so long a time

J. D. McAdam

May 1st 1841

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Wm. J. Adams. Jr. Finley

Columbus Ohio



I have done as you requested me to do in regard to the
21st but she told me it was out of her power for
the preparations necessary for our wedding on her part
could not possibly be made in time. I should think my
letter stated if my memory serves me right that I
was informed you would be in our city on the 2d
that is I thought the celebration was to take place
here on the 2d but since I have found out that
the 2d is ~~this day~~ designated for the same and my
imposition was you could get some friend to fill
your station until ~~the~~ the time set for I wished to keep
you here two or three weeks so that you might rest
yourself. But as my school does not terminate until
the 29th of May I shall be compelled to wait until you
come down and then endeavor to make some arrange-
ments any day after the 29th will suit us and
probably you might come down from the 1st and
then we could make our arrangements to return
with you any morning you might set I wish
when I go to Columbus to buy me a Cauford for
I am told that I can get one cheaper and
better than here.

Our people are all as well as usual and send
their best love to you and Aunt. My intended
regards me to give you his best love and
wishes for your welfare and happiness
After soliciting your friend and official may
permitt us to remain yours truly James F. McCaughen
Malinda Kopp