

I have regretted very much that I did not think to ask you to come one week earlier. Our church year closes April 1st, our parish meeting occurred on Saturday before Presbytery, and our pens are still venturing. But

~~There are other reasons, even~~

I have other reasons of my own, which I shd hardly have ventured to name; but I shd have felt it reasonable to ask ~~where this superseded word~~ you to come before

I've an anniversary which may be 6th; & there are reasons why I can't postp it, & if I had the fit when I left you, I shd have asked you to come before that

Branchville, April 23, 1877.

Dear Brother Holliday,

The impression seems to have got about here, that your Committee are to have a public meeting in which the object of their errand shall be considered.

Is that correct? or is it your intention, depending at the same time, hearing the complainants in private, to be a relief not to have any more to do with the matter? I have merely a public religious meeting in view of the fact that in case of an emergency there are reasons which will make it impossible for me to be present at the latter. I understand that you have on your Sabbath which occurs May 6; let me understand also what you propose to do on a next occasion, in order that I may have such preparation as I think very much that God will send you the pulpit on the Sabbath.

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