

Dayton, Ohio, March 25, 1907.

Rev. J. Howe,

Huntington, Ind.

Dear Brother:

I received your letter of the 18th.

I am not much surprised at the contents of Bro. Linker's letter. D. F. Wilberforce promised me in a letter a year or more ago, that he would not influence his sons against working for us. But what trust can be put in a polygamous African? There are, however, some things to be said on the side of the faithless Joseph. 1. He gave a note to Bell, the Liberal Secretary, for the expenses they had incurred for educating him at Otterbein, while he was under Flickinger's ban. 2. They may deem it unsafe for him to be at Victoria, where the feeling against his father was so bitter; and impolitic, where D. F. W's conduct was so well known. Then, an African is slow to accept the

positionⁱⁿ which his demerits place him
in "all & same as a Mexican man."

The fact faces us that D. F. Wilberforce's promise to us, that we should have exclusive possession of Imperrek, is now worth nothing, and also the fact that the treaty made with the Liberals by him in the last Conference he attended, years ago, are as thin as tissue paper. No doubt they incline to encroach upon or swallow up Imperrek Mission. Sanctified human nature so much resembles unsanctified depravity!

When would we best have our Executive Committee meeting? I can come out early in April.

I have no information that the trial at Marion has a set time. I think it likely to go over to next term of Court.

Has Holt gone to another church? Which?

Bro. Malson unwisely attempted some negotiation with Valentine on division of time at Hopewell. My health not changed. Adieu. M. Wright.

P. S.

D. F. W. and J. G. F. deserve a severe
setting down, and King and the
Liberal African Conference not less so.
But a peaceful policy is safest, as
well as most agreeable. Soft words
and hard arguments are best.

M. W.