Africa that I will take some trouble for the chance of his getting thither. He is in delicate health and slight; ~~but~~ would make an excellent teacher; his aptitude enabled him to acquaint himself with Conic sections with inferior instruction and that only at the beginning; his owner Margaret A. Harlan (wife of John H. Harlan) is mercenary in a high degree, for which reason I fear she will not fulfill her promise, as Alfred is her (self-taught) Mill-wright, miller and adviser; but honest and faithful, which she is not. —

Very respectfully
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Henry Hollingsworth.

P.S. Since writing the foregoing I met with David James a free black man who has had his attention turned to the coast of Africa; nay on one occasion agreed to embark with Mr Hersey or some other, ~~who is inclined but not determined to go~~ he tells me of one —— Harrington who is likewise inclined, and lives in this vicinity. When Mr Hersey was here David was a preacher but his fellow black men have lost confidence in his piety. I never had much confidence but considered him about mediocrity in that degraded class who are not, nor ever will be treated according to their merit in this country; and cannot therefore be expected to have so delicate a sense of right and wrong

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