

Put-in-Bay Island Lake Erie,
Ottawa Co. Ohio, 18th April 1887.

Dear Madam:— Yours of the
6th inst., making enquiry
respecting an engraving of
my Father's picture, came
duly; but I could not reply
owing to an injury to one of
my eyes caused by a chip
striking it while chopping in
the bush. My other eye
became seriously inflamed
from extra labor thrown upon
it, so that for a considerable
time I have been obliged to ^{suspend}
all use of them at reading &
writing, a deprivation which I
now fully appreciate.

The engraving of
Father without his beard, pub-
lished by the "Century Company"
of New York, is excellent. That
on page 186 of Mr. Sanborn's
"Life & Letters of John Brown",
was copied, I believe, from a
photograph in possession of
my sister Mrs. Ruth B. Thompson,
is a good picture, but the
expression is less genial than
was usual with him. In this
respect the Century picture is
an improvement. The picture
which appears as frontispiece
of same book, is a 2^d copy
of a photograph given me
by Father in June 1859 when
on his way to Harper's Ferry.
Owing to position, and neglect
at the time this picture was
taken, to brush back his hair as

as was common with him,
his forehead is not truly
represented. As soon as
possible however, but probably
too late for your purpose,
I will send you a more clearly
defined photograph of the
picture of which the frontispiece
is a copy.

Am a great ad-
mirer of Judge Furgess's
writings. Have his "Fool's
Errand", "Bricks without Straw",
and "Hat Plow Shares".

With high regard, I
am truly his and your friend,
John Brown, Jr.

Mrs. A. W. Furgess
Mayville, N. York