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My dear Mr Portiss.

I am very much ashamed  
to trouble you. If I had done five years ago what  
I am writing to ask permission  
to do now. I feel I should have saved  
myself much sorrow & perhaps suffering.  
My purpose in writing you is to ask if  
the Brethren will grant me an interview?  
If so, when? I have for many months  
been deeply exercised about my place, -  
having seen how wrong I acted in leaving  
the Lord's Table for what I have long since  
discovered to be simply an Association  
presided over somewhat after the fashion  
of a Minister presiding over a social  
Church. It was bad enough before the

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late division. but since then it has become unbecomable by any one who knows what the Lord's Table is. I feel I have no claim upon the notice of the Brethren at Rotterdam & I richly deserve all they may say or think about me & if they refuse to see or hear me I can only say "even so". For a long time I have not taken any part in anything here but not till last week did I withdraw from them. I was at home all day last Lord-day. I have been very kindly treated since I have been with these people & have found open doors in London & the provinces for teaching & preaching the word. I presume you know that I did not go with Raverock's views. I have

long since seen how wrong it was of  
me to leave when the Lord had placed  
me, but shame & perhaps pride, has  
kept me from asking for restoration.  
However, I write to ask for it now, i.e.  
if the saints are happy to receive  
me after due consideration & prayer,  
I would gladly come over to Rotham  
if the saints will appoint the time -  
altho. my walking power is limited  
now. I am writing you because  
I seem to know you better than  
any other brother at Rotham.  
I have & do deeply regret the sorrow  
I must have caused by acting as I  
did in leaving what I believe to be  
God's assembly & a true expression  
of the one body. Apologising for

This scrawl. I have only  
answered one letter of  
enquiry besides this & this  
because of the love I bear  
the writer.

In haste & pain I  
am yours very truly  
in the Lord Jesus

James Manning

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P.S. Sorry to hear such a  
sorry account of her  
she is not a fit person  
for Dct's fellowship

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then troubling you. I am dear Mr  
Parker, yours very faithfully in  
the Lord Jesus.

James Manning.