

Rev. P. P. May.

Dear Brother,

After a good deal of doubt
^{at our} last meeting concerning the best
and proper mode of inviting you to
fill the vacancy, the Vestry requested
me to proffer the invitation. They
expressed themselves very much pleased
with my selection, and desirous to
make your temporary connection with
the Parish as pleasant as the
circumstances could permit. The
chief difficulty to which I referred
occurs from the impropriety of the Vestry
appointing an Assistant Minister as
I desired, while their expenses exceed
their income, and an application
for aid is before the Vestry of Trinity.

However, I am sure you will
do me the favor almost as readily
as you would the vestry - and I
hope therefore that you will consent
to perform such Parish duties as
may be convenient for you in the
Parish of the Church of the Ascension
for six months from and after
Easter Day next. The compensation
which certain friends authorize me
to offer is not what I would have
desired, but is I believe as much
as under the circumstances the Church
can afford. It may be of some
service to you. It is five hundred
dollars.

If you will assent to the
proposal, please send me word by
the bearer. Sincerely Yrs friend & Brother
G. J. Peabody.

Rev P. P. Irving.

April 13th 1848