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Auburn Aug. 10. 1835-

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Dear Sir

I write you in relation to a State Convention to form a state A. S. Society. The friends of the Cause in various sections of the State seem anxious for such a meeting. The friends in this section, think that Utica should be the place, & the last of September or middle of October the time. I have not yet been able to consult the friends in Utica, but presume that such will be their views. Utica is central & easy of access. There is perhaps, more abolition in the country round about it than in the neighborhood of any other similar place, & we should be likely on that account to secure a large convention, which you know is of some importance. It seems desirable that the call should go out signed by the officers, or Executive Committees of the several Societies in New York, Albany, Troy, Utica, Rochester &c. It is supposed that the terms of the call should be in substance these - "All friends of Immediate Emancipation" &c. Will your society, or your board of officers, give us your views on these points, the names of your officers or Ex. Com. to be appended to said call, direct your letter to me at Utica, & then leave it to the judgment of the friends in Utica to fix on the time, & place, & issue such a call for the meeting as shall best meet

the views & wishes of all concerned? Please see that this is attended to immediatly, as it is very important that the call should be forth coming. We have not a day to spare.

Yours truly
Amos A. Phelps.

Letter to Secretary of the
Albany Anti-Slavery Society
and his reply in reference
to Utica Convention.

P.S. Bro. Safford I direct to you because I do not
remember the name of your Secretary.

Aug. 10. & 28th.

1835

Reply

Albany Aug. 28th 1835.

Rev. A. A. Phelps

Dr Sir I have received a letter directed to Mr Safford asking our views about a State Convention - We think it would be well to have one. As to time & place we must leave it to you. Probably Albany would not be the best place. I should say Utica + + + +

Officers of our Society:

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Rev. George B. Ide }
" Samuel Center } V. Presb
" J. M. Garfield }
" J. A. Amble } + + +
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Yours &c Otis Allen