

be presented in — and this as early as possible. All the action you propose on your Legislature is just what, I think, is needed now, more than almost any thing else.

The 25. is so near at hand, that I do not know, that much can be done now, in withholding, the petitions that will require the rescinding of the resolution of the 21. ult^o. Nor, indeed, do I know, that I fully concur with you in the expediency of such a course. I should think, a constant influx of them into Congress, at this time, whilst the resolutions of Mr. Calhoun are under debate, would be productive of good, if any thing ^{would} ~~would~~. However, bro. Leavitt says to me, this morning, that he will make a suggestion concurrent with your views, in the Emancipator of this week.

My own impression is that our cause stands on favorable ground. The South faces will have to be put out of Congress. This must be done, ~~and that~~ as soon as possible. The proceedings in Congress only serve the purpose of revealing to us, who they are.

Till I see you, as I hope soon to do, farewell; and believe me
most truly your brother,

James G. Birney.

P.S. I think you may rely on the presence of Stanton or myself

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Dear Brother Phelps, — Your letter was received several days ago — but I have been so engaged before this week, in lecturing in N. Jersey — where, I think, we are getting some foothold — that I have not had time, till to day, to answer it. And being absent myself, at the last meeting of the Ex. Com., the subject of it was not presented to them.

Brother Stanton left us yesterday, to attend the meeting in Greenfield, Northampton Co. I am prevented from going with him by the peculiar situation of Mrs. B. whose accouchement we are now daily expecting. Should this take place favorably, and she remain comfortable, a few days afterward, I have engaged to be at the Maine A. S. Meeting, which takes place at the same time yours does. However, my going there or to Boston — should I be able to leave home at all — will be decided by the belief, whether I can probably be more useful at the one than the other. I know of nothing, that will prevent Bro. Stanton from being with you at your Annual Meeting.

It seems to me that the Legislature of Massachusetts might be brought up, this year, to the point of recommending immediateism in the D. of Col. If they can be persuaded, that no other plan of emancipation ~~is~~ will succeed in the present condition of our country (and it seems to me, this is susceptible of the fullest demonstration) they will feel an immediation as proper to be recommended. It is very important that the Legislature of the free states be brought to see this in a strong light, as it can