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Dear Brother Garrison - I am requested by many of our friends in this vicinity and instructed by our Gen. Agt. to invite you to attend our next County Convention to be held at Exeter on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. That meeting, we anticipate, will be one of unusual interest and importance to our cause. Never since the commencement of the anti-slavery enterprise has the public mind ⁱⁿ this State been so awakened and anxious to understand our principles and plans of operation, as at present. Our influence is fast becoming a source of terror to the pro-slavery pulpit if not to the pro-slavery parties, and no pains are spared by men in high places to brand our leading most active and devoted friends, as "heretics" "infidels" and "dishonest men". To remove the prejudice which their station had enabled them to excite, and thus give full scope to our principles, we deem it ^{of} the utmost importance, that those ^{who} stand at the helm should be thoroughly understood by the people to whom alone we now look for support. This can best be done by frequent Conventions, where they can meet many of our friends and the community at once, and where their general character can be easily understood, and their most ultra anti-slavery principles thoroughly discussed. Your presence at our contemplated Convention, we think will add greatly to its interest and utility, and ~~remove~~ easily remove one of the greatest

obstacles to the progress of our cause in this vicinity. We do not expect a large attendance as there is but little interest felt for the enslaved in this country, (less than in any other in the State,) but Exeter will probably furnish us a respectable audience, and it is on that place that we design principally to operate. I hope nothing will prevent your attendance, but should you find it impossible to be present I would solicit a letter to the Convention touching some of the great principles which we are now discussing in this State.

With much respect & affection

Yours in the cause of Liberty

L. S. Foster

W. L. Garrison