

Farmington, March 15, 1836.

Dear Brother Wright

Burling & myself have been lecturing in Avon & he goes to-morrow evening to Simsbury for the remainder of the week. We shall take hold of Litchfield County, when Stanton comes & labor mostly there between this & May. I must however spend one week at Meriden & one at Willimantic. In regard to the names of persons in different parts of the State, I am getting them as fast as I can. In the mean time I am anxious an extra Emancipator should be published not only for general distribution but for us to take with us & distribute at the close of our lectures. Let it be made up of a reprint of the following documents.

1. on Right of discussion. (1) ~~Word of God~~, "Prove all things &c & such other passages as are appropos." (2) Constitution of the U. States & of the several States, as in the small pamphlet containing Constitution of our Society, Statement of Committee &c (3) Gerrit Smith's speech & Judge Jay's charge to the grand jury & the article in the Evening Post. signed "Veto"
2. Explanation of principles & measures. (1) Ohio Declaration (2) Address to the Public, by the Com. in Sept. last.
3. Slavery. (1) Leavitt's Definition of Slavery in Evangelist in the articles he published sometime ago. (2) Goodell's, Slavery tested by its own code (3) Extracts from Wright's pro slavery testimony examined (4) Statement of the Synod of South Carolina & Georgia
4. Treatment of Slaves. (1) Extracts from Wattle's Lane Seminary discussion (2) Stone's Letters
5. Preparation for freedom. (1) Paxton (2) Crothers as quoted in my lectures, & (3) Anecdote of the slave mentioned in Goodell's Slaveholding in Connecticut.

P.S. A.B. Have you received my letter ordering Landry's publications to Farmington?

6. Emancipation - History & Safety of.

- (1) Mrs Child's article in the Evening Post.
- (2) Correspondents of the New York Observer in 1834. soon after Emancipation in West Indies, letter is dated "St George, Bermuda Aug. 8. 1834," & signed "J. Holt."
- (3) Such other Extracts in regard to Emancipation in Antigua & Bermuda as you think best. See one number of the English Abolitionist.
- (4) Correspondent of Journal of Commerce, Antigua Jan 10. 1836."
- (5) Apprenticeship Colonies - State, if necessary, what disturbance they have had & why, & compare it with the "Strike" the other day in New York & then give as testimony ^{Barbadoes}
- (6) Letter copied from Vermont Chronicle dated March 3. 1835
- (7) Correspondent of Journ of Commerce in regard to Barbadoes
- (8) Leavitt's statements in regard to Barbadoes
- (9) "Things in Jamaica", prefaced with a statement of the character & station of the informant.

The above will probably fill the sheet if not more. If they should not I think it would be well to add a few facts on the following points.

7. Slaves cant take care of themselves.

- (1) Bradley's remarks
- (2) Facts in regard to Trinidad & Hayti as quoted in my lectures
- (3) Facts in regard to St Lucia, printed in one number of the Record from the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Lords.
- (4) Extracts on the point from the Report of the Ohio Convention on the Condition of the Colored people.

8. Character
8. Condition of the Free People of Color. Just admit in a word that there is much of ignorance & vice & wretchedness among them, but there are some bright shades to the picture after all, & more than most people are aware of or willing to allow, & quote in proof

- (1) Statement in regard to James Forten in one of the Records.
- (2) Proclamations of Jackson to them in Louisiana & in British Opinions & Garrison's Thoughts.
- (3) Statement in regard to a colored man in St. Louis, by the name of Meacham, see Eman. June 17. 1834

- (4) Statement, near the close of the weekly Emancipator in regard to Mary Peterson
- (5) Statement in the Ohio report, touching their schools, temperance &c &c
- (6) Statement in Rights of Man (1834) in regard to colored people in Rochester
- (7) Statement published ~~some where~~ within a year in regard to the people in Philadelphia, mentioning their various societies for mutual assistance, & the fact that they support all their own poor &c &c. See Friend Vol. 8. No 21.

In reprinting the above documents you will be able to abbreviate them by giving such parts only as relate to the points to be proved. So far as it can be done however I think the documents should be printed entire. The different articles & paragraphs should have distinct headings in Capitals.

If the Committee will print such an extra as the above I think it would be well to obtain if you can Catalogues of all the Colleges & Theo. Schools in the land & send a copy of it & also a copy of the Slave Market to each officer & student. The Baptist paper at Hartford is with us, & the Religious Intelligencer is coming over - its columns are open to us.

Let me hear from you soon & do not fail to send a large box of publications to me at Farmington, Care of S. H. Williams, & one also to Burgess of Hartford.

Yours truly Amos A. Phelps.
The Conversion of Things.

Bro. Wright - The Reader of the last Human Rights will see that I arrived to the high honor (for so I regard it) of having a price set upon my head by the slaveholders or their apologists. I say or, for if the truth were known it might appear that the reward offered for my head was not offered by Southern born men but by recreants & double faced northerners, who have gone down to either become slaveholders themselves, or for sake of a profitable trade are ready not only to sell their ^{own} consciences but the lives & liberties of their own townsmen & fellow citizens. The following facts may perhaps

There some light on this remark. Some time ago I lectured in Farmington & was invited.
The notes were asserted & found over for good behavior soon after an anti-abolition
meeting was called, at which Hon. Sim. Pitkin, Esq. had given some of these held forth.
The abings of both these meetings were published in the "Federal Union", Willingville, offering \$10.00 for any
an advertisement is published in the "Federal Union", Willingville, offering \$10.00 for any
head, & as many as 20 of this incendiary "snail", are sent, by mail, to sundry
individuals in Farmington -
among whom were several of the leading notes, ~~some of~~
but how happened it that this advertisement should appear, just
at the time it did, & in the Willingville paper, & that that paper should be lent to
sundry individuals in Farmington & myself among the rest? Plainly somebody had
something to do with it, that knew Farmington, & Farmington news. Well then, what

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facts are true to them light on the subject! These - nearly every one of those who
are most violent in Farmington in opposition to abolition, has a brother, or sister, or
son, or mother, or partner in business at the South. More than thirty in number of all
at this moment at the South from Farmington. Hon. Sim. Pitkin has a son there, Esq. Col.
Cowles ~~and the number based on~~ has a brother, Jonathan Cowles, one of the
leaders in the riot of ~~who~~ was ~~also~~ arrested, has a brother also, I do not know that
any of these hold slaves. They are there in trade. Of the thirty however, ~~one~~ at least
is a slaveholder & a member of the church in Farmington, & several of them live
in Willingville. What have we to do with slavery? And is it Southern more alone
or recalcant. Southerners ~~that~~ do that are concerned in offering premiums for ~~the~~
& liberties of free men? Your truly, A. A. Phelps

P.S. A. B. Have you received my letter ordering sundry publications to Torrington?