

Confidential.

Rev. A. A. Phelps

Jamaica

Dear Brother,

New York, Jan. 8/47.

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I am just advised of an opportunity for Phil<sup>a</sup> & can therefore write a few lines. We were sorry you could not stay longer at Haiti, but your health is paramount to Anti-S. matters. Mr Whiting has paid yr draft of \$100 for Haiti. Miss Renshaw & Hoovey went on a tour into N.Y. to raise money for the brethren in Jamaica & have got about \$378. I have requested Mr Renshaw to write out that this can be drawn for at 30 days sight. We were in hopes R & N. would have continued in the field until several thousands of dls were raised for the W. I. (Mr H. is still soliciting funds in R. I.) but on the appearance of N<sup>o</sup> 2 of the Amer. Miss<sup>y</sup> Mr R. was quite excited, said it was an attack on the Board, he wd resign his agency, the brethren at Jamaica would separate themselves from us, he suggested the W. I. Com. was dissolved &c &c. He is so impulsive, so fearful of widening the breach between the Board & our Socy, thinks it so important to apologize for our conduct rather than vindicate it, that I think he will do us more hurt than good. He made poor work as temporary editor of our paper & as Cor. Sec. These offices he resigned when he went out with Mr Hoovey. He is now in winter quarters at Phil<sup>a</sup>.

As you may suppose the Washington project has taken up a great deal of my time & does still. Dr Bailey & family arrived at N. Dec 21<sup>st</sup>. L. P. Noble is Pub. agent. You remember him I suppose. She was formerly a merch<sup>t</sup> at Albany & has for a year or more lived in this City. He is about 40, a Baptist, a fine looking man, with good address & thorough principles. No printer at N. would print the paper for us. Bull & Co were willing to do the office work & a contract has been made with them. We were obliged to have new type cast for us & send on. We had also to per-

chase a new Naper press (\$1650) & office furniture. The type  
presses are at W. B. & M. St. had to leave 3 offices they had  
taken, as the owners backed out from the bargain. At length  
found an office of an abo. near the Patent office, for 3 years,  
the owner declares that they shall not leave, that if the office is  
demolished the Corporation shall pay for it &c. Some difficulty  
was apprehended at first, but now they do not think there will  
be tumult. The paper was to have been published yesterday  
I have seen the outer form. It is unique as to quality of paper & type

\$1000 obtained from Pa. \$1000 from Ohio \$500 from N.Y.  
\$500 from N.Y. \$1500 from N.Y. \$1000 from other places. Hudson in Ohio,  
Hobart in Pa. Weed in N.Y. &c. are going ahead. We  
shall begin with about 5000 subscr. They will print 10 m  
weekly. The debates in Congress are favorable. In King  
of this State, an intimate friend of Silas Wright, has intro-  
duced Resolutions that slavery shall not be extended over any  
territory acquired from Mexico. N. men will sustain them.

We shall soon issue a Protest agt the 2<sup>d</sup> Alliance.

Am. Whig does well as Editor Hor. Sec. of the Amer.  
Miss. Aps. The proceedings at Albany meet with great favor.

Miss Cox, Kirk, Patton &c are holding meetings pre-  
paratory to forming an Alliance here. They will not exclude  
Slaveholders.

I must break off, as the letter must be mailed.

Hope to have a good account of your health, &  
yet we tremble lest you should not be so well as we hope.

May you have grace, dear Bro., to be submissive to the  
Divine will.

Affectionate yours

Levi Tappan