

Anti-Slavery Office,

June 10, 1854.

Dear Garrison:

Our City A. S. Society (or rather its Ex. Com.) has agreed to celebrate the next Anniversary of W. J. Emancipation by a trip to Flushing. The Com. of Arrangements have requested me to write to you at this early day, and to say, on their behalf, that they want you to be present on the occasion. We have no strong speakers among ourselves, while we are liable to an influx of half-hearted folks who <sup>would</sup> like very well to mar the identity of our Society as a "Garrisonian" body. A great work has been done here

within the last year, but much more remains to be done, in the way of enlightening <sup>people and</sup> ~~and~~ training them to act on our platform. I believe if our Boston friends will be patient with us and <sup>continue to</sup> give us their aid as generously as they have done, they will be rewarded, <sup>at no distant day</sup> by large pecuniary contributions to the cause, and in finding here the right sort of persons to constitute an Ex. Com. for the Amer. Society. The committee of arrangements for the First of August (I am not one of the number) have begun early and mean to have a grand celebration. The whole Ex. Com. agreed that your presence was pre-eminently desirable. It was said, with truth, that hundreds of people were greatly disappointed in not hearing you either at the Anniversary of the American Society or that

of the City Society. Your lecture here last winter softened many prejudices, & we all think that if we can be authorized to promise your attendance on the First of August, we shall be sure of a successful celebration. Last year many of our friends had left the city before the first, who would have staid at home for the purpose of attending if they had heard of our arrangements in season. This year we want to get our advertisement out at a very early day — the sooner the better. You will therefore confer a great favor on the Committee by answering this note immediately. Of course we shall pay your expenses if you consent to come.

Mr. Gay & I have been somewhat surprised in that we have heard nothing from the Ex. Com. about the Pa. meeting. Our inference is that some one ~~will~~ has been appointed to go to Phil., and that the

delegate will probably call here on  
his way thither.

Our Ex. Com. has already ap-  
pointed a Com. of Arrangements  
for our next course of winter Lec-  
tures, & I shall begin ~~very~~ shortly  
to correspond with lecturers.

In haste,

Yours, truly,

J. Johnson.