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Anti Slavery Office,

Nov. 17, 1854.

Dear Garrison:

I am having all manner of vexation in arranging the order of the appearance of our lecturers—nearly all insisting on coming late, and several naming one day as the only one when they could come. I am hoping that Giddings will consent to give the second lecture, (Tuesday, Dec. 5), but there is danger that he will refuse, and, if he does, there is not one on our list that I can call upon ~~save~~ <sup>except</sup> yourself. I would much prefer that you should come

later in the season, but, in the  
circumstances, I must ask you  
to hold yourself in readiness to  
come at that time if all my  
efforts to get Giddings shall fail.  
I have already assigned the third  
place (Dec. 12th) to Antoinette Brown,  
and the fourth (Dec. 19th) to Brown.  
I could ask Brown to come on the  
5th, but the Committee think it  
would be disastrous to put him  
in such close proximity to Sumner,  
and that so near the opening.

We don't ask you this year  
to write a speech. Indeed, for one,  
I should prefer ~~that~~ to have you  
speak extempore. I remember a

Very impressive speech of yours at  
Franklin Hall, Phila., in 1852, in  
which you ~~showed~~ showed that the pe-  
cuniary welfare of the country depended  
not upon maintaining slavery, but upon  
emancipation—that God, in requiring  
the yokes to be immediately broken,  
had provided for the material  
prosperity of the people, &c. Perhaps  
you can recal the train of thought,  
or, taking this hint, strike into a fresh  
track. Or, it would be well for  
you to define and justify the doctrine  
of Disunion. You need not be afraid  
to give us "strong meat."

Yours, hastily,

O. Johnson.

