

Robert Ray,
London, Sept. 12, 1867.



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National Temperance League,

337, Strand,

W.C.

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Dear Mr Garrison,

²⁴⁹ I would have written you sooner or if I had known your address, which I have received this morning from Mr Phillips.

We were sadly disappointed at your absence on the 3d, for although your promise was conditional, yet as you said your

possible departure
for America on
the 1st was the only
contingency that pre-
vented you from
giving an absolute
promise, and as
we learned after-
wards from Mr
Taylor and other
friends that you
had resolved not
to start for home
on the 1st we thought
we were justified
in assuming that
your conditional
promise was there-
by converted into
an absolute one.
Your letter, however
was read and pub-
lished exactly as
sent, and we gave

no explanation
except that con-
tained in the letter
itself.

We are very desirous
however, that our
friends should
have an opportu-
nity of hearing from
your own lips
an expression
of your attach-
ment to the great
principles of Dem-
ocracy, and the
Committee will
esteem it a spe-
cial obligation
if you agree to at-
tend a meeting in
London on the
9th or 10th October.

These dates are speci-
fied because we
are informed that
you are to be in
town on the 8th,
and that you have
an engagement to be
in Bradford on
the 11th inst, but if
any other date
would be more
convenient to you
the Committee would
gladly accept it.

Hoping to be pro-
vured with an early
and affirmative
reply, I am,

With kind regards,

Yours very cordially,

Robert Rae

W. Lloyd Garrison Esq.