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Dear Sir,

I hope that you will not be unwilling to come to our proposed Convention in case Mr. Phillips cannot come. I was anxious to have you & him both; but if either cannot come, still I am in favor of going on with the meeting. I am anxious for you to come to Vermont, that you may be seen and heard by the people here, principally for two, besides other reasons, 1st that Vermonters may have their mind disabused as to the man, whom many think to be a moral monster; but 2nd & especially - that the true Anti-Slavery, or Garrisonian, theory may be

better understood. More light is
needed. Our principles - our anti-
slavery faith, dear to our hearts,
are much misunderstood. Your
name is associated with the odium
which the truth has to bear in this
ungodly age & infamous Repub-
lic, and I want you here.

My plan is this - at least until
Mr. Phillips can come -
to hold a Convention, on the
24th & 25th of Aug. at West-
Randolph, with the express &
public understanding that you
are to be there; and then
for you to hold several other
meetings at such places as I
may arrange for you; and that
you speak at these meetings
either with or without others.

lectures. These meetings can be
during the same week - or on the
week before, or after the Convention,
as may suit your convenience.

There are three, four, or five places
at which I would like to have
you speak, and when good
meetings could be had, even at
the season of the year when
nearly all men are very busy at
haying or harvesting. At all

events, I wish you to promise
me that you will come to our
Convention at W. Randolph, on the
24th & 25th. (which I will call
as soon as you so promise, but
which will not be held then unless
you can certainly come.)

Then, as soon as you so engage, we
can arrange for others, as Mr.
Pillsbury, Mr. Remond, &c.

Please write again at your earliest
Convenience; and do not disagree
to come because Mr. Phillips cannot
though, I have not given up the
hope that he may be induced
to come in August. If he
cannot, we will hope to have
him, as well as you, at our
very distant day - next Fall
or Winter.

We have agreed that we
should hold the Convention at
W. Randolph, and then have
you speak at Bradford, &
some other places.

Yours, for the Slave.

N. R. Houston.