

424 Walnut Street  
Phil<sup>a</sup> Dec. 19/64

Mr. Arthur Albright

Dear Sir

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Your letter of the 19th  
ult arrived only, reaching me  
just as I was about leaving  
home for Baltimore, Washington &  
other places, on business relating  
to the Freedmen. I left it with my  
colleagues, who read it with much  
interest and satisfaction; as have  
I since my return. I thank you  
sincerely for it - and regret that I  
have not had time before to ans-  
wer it.

I have forgotten  
the contents of my letter to Miss  
Wigham, but I am quite sure  
there was nothing in it that was  
not true; & it is at your service  
& do with it as you may choose.

Your suggestion the Expedi-  
ency

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of my coming to England. I should like to see very much  
were I sure that in doing so I should be in the way of  
my duty. But there is so much to do here, that only  
those who have no heart or faculty for the work, and  
such as are specially called - if such there be - can feel  
at liberty to leave the country at this time. You want  
a man - earnest & disinterested, with antecedents & expe-  
rience covering the whole ground of facts, with capacity  
to understand their significance ~~of them~~ <sup>of facts</sup> and power  
to convey his impressions to others. Our trouble, in  
this country is, that inferior men put themselves for-  
ward in this movement, and without understanding  
it, undertake to be its expounders & guides. They tell  
touching stories of distress and by appealing to sympathy  
produce <sup>only</sup> a temporary impression. They do not see that



these are the labor pains of a new  
birth: the throes of a great social re-  
volution which is to give to a race  
the benefits of civilization, and to the  
world a regenerated nation.

I am pleased to think that you,  
my dear friend, from the intelligent in-  
terest you evince, in this subject will  
make yourself - and then your friends,  
thoroughly acquainted with it. Not  
you may do for, I am to-day hav-  
ing put <sup>up</sup> for you, a package which  
I mean to send by Adams's Express.

It will consist of a number of  
newspapers, a tract, which if you  
read <sup>them</sup> will make put you at home  
in the main facts of the case &  
at the same time make you acquaint-  
ed with their significance & bear-  
ing. I will ask you to read a  
copy of each, and having done so  
- if you think well of it - to send  
them to your friends. I would fin-  
ally hope that you may find something



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in them, worthy - in your judgement - of reproduction in  
your own journals. These publications are: 1st a tract  
written by myself giving in a few words the history & doing  
of the Penn<sup>a</sup> Freedmen Relief Association up to March  
last, 2nd a <sup>number</sup> of the National Anti-Slavery Standard  
bearing tracts delivered at a late meeting in Philada.  
which are full of facts - recent & fully well settled upon in  
two issues of the Independent - with an  
article from the pen of one of its editors (Wendell Phil:  
lip Garrison) which gives a very intelligent view of the  
philosophy of their associations, and 3rd a number of the  
North American of this city containing a letter just rec<sup>d</sup>  
from Mr F Mitchell, on Sept - in reference, with an editorial  
paragraph on the same subject. Please read these doc-  
uments in the order named; they will acquaint you with  
the history of the A. F. R. Assoc and thereby with the mean-  
ing & bearing of the whole movement. - I had - read these  
documents in this order, but no, read the last mentioned  
first. It is her a present interest & should claim in

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of the letter referred to is a highly  
respectable & much respected mem-  
ber of the Society of Friends. He was  
long connected with <sup>Harvard</sup> (Friends)  
College. He is <sup>brother to</sup> ~~the father of~~ Miss Tucker  
et al, the distinguished lady astronomer  
men.

There are two other associations  
in this city, one belonging to orthodox  
the other to Hicksite Friends. These  
are both good bodies; the former is  
a strong one; with plenty of money  
and ~~resources~~ a will to use it. One  
association is made up without re-  
gard to denominational lines. It is  
catholic in the principles, in which  
it is conducted & constituted, and as  
much so in the principles & spirit in  
which it is conducted. They are re-  
ferred to as a recommendation. For in  
these times, when Providence & the spi-  
ritual spirit are saying: "What God  
has pronounced clean let <sup>us</sup> man call  
call clean men", it does not seem to  
us right to

What you say seems not only true but also



in butchering up wretched middle walls of partition. -  
There are other associations in other cities; an  
especially nice ~~one~~ <sup>good</sup> one in Boston. They are  
all doing good. They all deserve encouragement and  
support. With the gentlemen who constitute the Board  
of the New York and the Washington associations I am  
well acquainted. They are good men & gentlemen. Both  
of them are called National associations, as are designs  
ours by the name of the State (Penn<sup>a</sup>) Imp<sup>ro</sup>vement  
infused that ours is a branch of the New York body.  
This is quite a mistake. one of our leading hotels here  
is called the "Continental"; one of New York's chief  
caravanseras is denominated the "Metropolitan".  
The latter though more modest in name is not a whit  
inferior in design. <sup>in fact</sup> and if a rival were to be  
started <sup>here</sup> to the "Continental", styled the Hemispherical  
or Globe, its name would receive no American  
traveler. "National", "Continental", "Hotel", "Imperial"

known road and station  
D.S. J. and Mr. Smith  
to the Eastern - where



and the like are good names "to en-  
sure with," but they have no theo-  
retical significance.

The name of our association  
(Pennywance) does not seem to be  
a good one to engage with, in  
comparison with others, - on the  
side of the water, - judging from  
results. So I should not say  
"judging from results" for we  
have not tried to engage  
with it. Had we we should be  
to receive, we have never yet  
asked anything from people a-  
broad. This has been partly from  
reluctance, and partly from  
excessive absorption in our work  
at home. The amount of work  
to be done is excessive and daily  
accumulating.

Come you & see. I invert  
your proposition, - that is I reciprocate  
your invitation. "Come &  
see." If you can't come, find some  
body, somebody that can understand

learn read and believe  
add the Penny  
letter to the  
Country - which  
travelled



