



[Delaware]

Esteemed Friend

Wilmington 12 mo 5th 1830

W^m Lloyd Garrison, enclosed please find
 a letter for our mutual friend George Thompson. I feel
 very anxious to see him once more, and I am so situa-
 ted in business that I cannot well leave home
 for more than one or two days at a time, after
 having lost by imprudent partners, and unprin-
 cipl'd slave holders, all that I had accumulated
 for forty years, about 40,000 Dollars I commenced
 business anew last new years day on bor-
 row'd capital entirely, and it behoves me
 as an honest man, to attend closely to bu-
 siness, till I feel confident that in any emergency
 I shall have enough saved to pay my friends
 that have loan'd me money to commence
 with, I have watch'd with great interest the
 course you have pursued in respect to the Crafts
 and think it was managed in such a manner
 that slave holders, will hardly think worth
 while to risk the expence, and mortification
 of sending agents from the South to Boston,
 to look up their runaway slaves, the slave
 population who have escaped to the free states
 have been very much alarm'd, by the passage
 of this infamous slave bill, but I very much
 doubt, whether on the whole there will be

more arrested under the new Law, than
the Law, as it stood for years Past, there
are so many more, who feel an interest
in affording them shelter, and Protection
may this feeling increase till not a soul
can be found in the free states mean enough
to assist the master in reclaiming them,
there has lately been several free persons
arrested as runaway slaves, lately in this
neighborhood, but we have so far succeed
in getting all released pretty soon after
they were imprison'd - any white man here
may arrest a colour'd man on suspicion
of his being a slave put him in Jail,
if he is proved a slave, the man taking
up gets a reward, if free the County pays
the expenses, and the poor Black has no
remedy, or compensation for loss time,
please hand the enclosed to our friend
Thompson when opportunity offers, and
oblige thy friend

Thos. Garrett