

New York March 24th 1839

to Mr William Lloyd Garrison our tried Friend
 and beloved Brother, I deem it a privilege to be
 permitted to address a few lines to you just at
 this time for altho they come from a very humble
 source yet it gives satisfaction, I doubt not, to your
 noble Heart, to know that your labors are appreci-
 ated, by those they are designed to benefit
 I know my dear Brother that Satan desires to sift
 you but stay yourself on that arm, that has
 sustained you hitherto, in every time of trouble.
 My beloved Brother, perhaps at this quarterly
 meeting of your Society you may have stronger
 temptation to yield up some of your noble than
 your have ever had before, for as it was with
 Haman of old towards Mordeki, so it is with some
 of the men in the Anti Slavery cause in quarters,
 they are determined not to rest satisfied until
you are annihilated, My Brother be not
 afraid of their faces, but possess your Soul in patience
 I was conversing a few days ago with a friend
 from Philadelphia and can assure you that
 great solicitude is felt by us for the triumph
 of the principles you have set forth,
 little did I think the non resistance principle
 would produce such a state of feeling as it
 has in the professing Friends of the oppressed
 why I am despised by some of the leading

friends of the cause here merely because
I feel disposed to look at the Subject
and discuss it,

to illustrate it was proposed some three
months ago at the Instance of Mr
G. Smith that some person should be
Libera and ascertain the state of the
Cotarians, and my name was mentioned
by some one as being a suitable per-
son to send I was induced to call
on one of the persons selected to make
the selection, but said he I should
think you an unsuitable person
to send for said he I understand
you went to Boston to see Mr G
about his no Government doctrine
and came back a peace man,
~~or~~ I have mentioned this fact to show
how good men suffer their minds
to be warped by public sentiment
on such important Subjects,

go on my Brother and prosper
and please accept the inclosed as an earnest
of the sincerity of the expressions in this letter

~~I have~~ very afflicted family at present
and am anxious to hear from yours, can't you find time
to write us 5 lines and thereby refresh our hearts
yours with great anxiety
to Mr William Lloyd Garrison

Thos. Van Raenslaer

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To

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