

Boston, Aug. 29, 1831.

My Dear Friend:

I have had the pleasure of taking your brother by the hand, and of holding an interesting tete-a-tete with him on the subject of slavery. My only regret is, on account of his short tarry, which has prevented me from paying him that attention which would be desirable. He is, I am glad to find, sound in the faith, not having in the least degenerated from his parent stock. Would to Heaven there were a host of such men enlisted in the glorious cause of universal emancipation! But we shall muster an army, by and by. The cause of freedom is onward; and the day is not far distant, I trust, when a black skin will not be merely endurable, but popular. For, be assured, favors are to be heaped, in due time, upon our colored countrymen, as thickly as have been sorrow and abuse. I have no despondency—no doubt: the triumph of truth is as sure as the light of heaven.

I wish that the colored people of ^{Providence} Hartford, if they feel on the subject as their brethren do elsewhere - and I presume they do - would immediately call a public meeting, and express their disapprobation of the colonization scheme. Safety and self-respect require this measure at their hands. Now is the time for the people of color to act - fearlessly, firmly, understandingly.

My principal object, in this hasty epistle, is to give you, or Mr. Nizer, a little trouble, which I shall be glad to cancel by incurring double the amount on your own behalf. Every Friday evening - or, rather, Saturday morning - I send a bundle of Liberators to Providence by the stage, directed to the care of "Philip A. Bell, 73, Chamber-street, New-York City." This bundle, I fear, instead of being immediately put on board of the steam-boat, is often delayed a day or more. As it contains papers for all the subscribers in New-York and Philadelphia, a delay of this kind makes them feverish. Now if the steward or one of the colored helps on board of the

steam-boat which sails on Saturday, would see that this bundle were regularly put on board, it would confer a great favor. For his trouble, he shall receive a copy of the paper, or whatever recompense he may demand. The bundle, at present, goes with great irregularity.

When shall I have the pleasure of seeing you in Boston? Perhaps I may visit Providence in all September, for the purpose of delivering some addresses on slavery.

This letter has been written in a tremendous hurry, as your brother leaves in a few minutes - so pray excuse it.

I shall be glad to improve every opportunity to assure you how much I appreciate your kindness, and to subscribe myself

Your friend and brother,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

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Mr. Henry C. Benson,

Providence, R.I.