

Wilmington Mo 30th 1865

My dear Friend Garrison

The bearer George Ford has been a member of my own, and sons family for some ten years, has been a good union lad all that time, and conducted himself with propriety, he being now about the age of twenty one years, and out of health, a sea voyage has been recommended to him, he proposes leaving for Boston tomorrow by sea in a steamer, he expressed a wish to call on thee, (he being identified by birth) with that class for which thee and I have labored for very many years, his mother was a slave for life, I purchased her time, and set her free the same day, she lived with me several years after, and proved trust-worthy and honest, he has been employ'd in our store for 8 or 9 years, and is now, learning with my son the Dentist profession, and will attend the lectures in Phila next winter if health permits, as he may wish to see the sights of your City, during his stay, any information thee may give him, I shall consider a favor, as though conferred on myself, please say to my friend George Thompson, I would thank him to send me by the bearer one Box of his superior Mathes so that I may try them, and if

found superior to what I have, will endeavour to
introduce them here, or get some one else to do it,
I presume thee has read Gerrit Smith's last Lectures
at the Cooper Institute, most of his views I can adopt
but I do not agree with him when he states that
neither Congress, or the president, can rightfully
require the slave states to alter their Laws and
give the Coloured population the elective fran-
chise, as ever thy attached friend

Thos. Garrett