

New York 7<sup>mo</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1851

My dear friend

Wm Lloyd Garrison

Thy favor of the 26<sup>th</sup> Ult enclosing

ten dollars for the use of Robert Bond, and also a letter from him addressed to thee, came duly to hand. Bond called the 30<sup>th</sup> - he appeared very much dejected - was shabby dressed - his coat was out at the elbow and made a very distressed appearance - said he had been obliged to sell his clothes to get wherewith to satisfy the cravings of hunger - he shed tears freely and his whole appearance was well calculated to excite sympathy. He said he thought he could redeem the clothes he had sold for much less than he could purchase new, if he had a little money - I gave him five dollars - he went away and in about three quarters of an hour he returned very genteelly dressed - he said he had got the clothes he had sold - I then gave him the package thou sent for him and referred him to a situation where he could earn enough to keep him, and a little more, at a light business - but as he could not draw any money for a week and had to pay his board in advance I gave him the remaining five dollars, the balance of the ten thou sent me - he seemed very grateful, said he would go directly to the place I had procured for him. I felt much

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sympathy for him and told him if he had fully made up  
his mind to go to England, that I would assist him in getting  
a passage but if he preferred staying here, I would see that he  
should be provided for - that I would be his friend - that he  
might redeem his character and become respectable and happy -  
I requested him to call frequently and let me know how he was  
getting along - he promised to do so. I then questioned him  
in relation to the money he had lost or given away - he seemed  
disposed to say but little on the subject. He left me and I  
have not seen him since but have ascertained that he did  
not go to the place I had procured for him.

Upon taking into consideration all the circumstances  
connected with Bonds story of parting with his money I  
have come to the conclusion that it is entitled to no con-  
fidence - If he really has lost money I think it most likely  
that he has lost it in gambling -

I am with sincere and affectionate regard

Thy friend

Isaac T. Hooper









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