

WM. STILL,

DEALER IN

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YARD, 1216, 1218 & 1220 Washington Avenue,

Philadelphia, May 16th 1870

My Dear Friend Mr. Garrison;

I mailed to you a short time since a copy of "The Press" of the 6th inst. containing Reminiscences of the Underground Rail Road. From many hundreds of similar interesting cases I am about writing a book, which I propose to dedicate to the abolitionist of the United States, with the hope that I may in a slight degree, at least, manifest my gratitude for the services & labors of the tried & faithful advocates of Universal Emancipation; and at the same time give due credit to that class of the oppressed whose thirst for freedom and efforts to throw off the yoke furnished daily arguments against the "barbarism" of the South.

Hence I desire to procure for publication in the preface of the book, a letter from you, approving of my design to publish these reminiscences. A like favor I shall ask of my good friend Mr. McKim.

I am desirous of going a head with the book as fast as I can to do justice to all concerned. Of course I am very anxious that it shall be gotten up carefully & creditably; and I intend to

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have it illustrated to some extent.

I hardly think it will be possible for me to get the amount of interesting matter I have on hand into a book containing less than six or seven hundred pages, consequently it will take several months to get it ready for the Press.

I think of you daily Dear Mr. Garrison, and many many times feel that it would afford me very great satisfaction could I command language sufficiently forcible to express my sense of gratitude to you, as I could wish, for your life long devotion & triumphant labors in the Cause of Freedom.

Surely you must share in a very large measure an inexpressible sense of delight and peace as you cast your eyes back over the great field where millions of men were held down in chains, and scarcely a voice dared to whisper a word on their behalf, when in the strength of a good Providence you stepped forward and made their cause your own, and in the face of a world of opposition battled on until every fetter was broken and every oppressor was overthrown, and equal rights ^{proclaimed} ~~made~~ the universal law of the land.

Trusting that you are enjoying good ^{health} & worldly comforts to the full, I beg to subscribe myself your ever grateful
Friend
W. L. G.