

Anti-Slavery Office,

80 New York, 3 May, 1865.

My dear Garrison,

Your note, received yesterday, gave me great satisfaction, assuring me as it did of your determination to prepare the resolutions and address of which we talked when I saw you. I trust you will not fail, when failure would involve consequences so injurious to yourself, your friends and the cause.

Pray be clear and emphatic on two points, viz:

1. That we do not propose to dissolve to avoid the duties that

press upon us now, but <sup>that we may</sup> ~~to~~ discharge them more effectually by new and more appropriate instrumentalities.

2. Let the question of Negro Suffrage in such a light as to destroy the advantage which Phillips seeks to gain over us by his vehement partizan talk on that subject.

— The Herald, to-day, is out for Black Suffrage, ~~and~~ urging the Administration to adopt it in reconstructing the Southern States, as the only way to "spike the last gun of the Abolitionists" and keep down the Secession spirit. It really looks now as if the measure might be carried.

The colored people held a meeting at the 1st Church on Monday evening, to make provision for a Eulogy on Lincoln, to be delivered by Douglass. They took occasion at the same time to resolve "that the American Anti-Slavery Society cannot now dissolve without being guilty of bad faith," or words to that effect. Could impudence go further? During all the struggles of the past <sup>20</sup> years, who ever heard of their passing a resolution of sympathy with the Society, or giving it aid in any form? The fact is, they have never helped it in any way, but have often taken the part of those who have maligned it as an infidel association; but

now, forsooth, when its friends  
are talking of dissolving it, they  
are all at once penetrated  
with a conviction of its great  
usefulness and of the immense  
importance of keeping it alive!

Yours, cordially,

Oliver Johnson