

Anti-Slavery Office
Philadelphia
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My dear Garrison:

Yours relating to
George Thompson was duly
received. I have no doubt
that with a little effort
I could raise something
worth while for the object;
but my former repugnance
to everything like begging
deters me. I will see how
even if something can't
be done.

Robert Purvis who is
always true to the cause
& the friends of the cause

has handed me \$20, and
another fund - Jacob &
White - has given me
one, making \$21. Enclosed
find my check marked
"good" for \$55, of which
\$21. is for you for the
above, & \$34. for Wallcut
as per note accompanying
it.

I rejoice in the progress
of Massachusetts, & our
duty meeting. Penna will
follow you, albeit, like
Peter, not very close as
you feel. The proceedings
of your State meeting

were interesting to read.
But the Simon Pureism
of Parker Pillsbury is be-
coming intolerably nauseous.
His denunciations on the
state of the cause, and
his affected alarm at
our violation of the Re-
publican party, are
triflingly ridiculous. After
what Foster & he had a
little more of that un-
common article, called
"Common sense" than ser-
vice to the cause would
be more valuable.)

With kindest regards
to Mrs S, I am dear
Saviour yours ever
John C. Van

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