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W. L. Garrison, Editor of "The  
Liberator"

My Dear Sir

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Hon John C. Under-  
wood, lately appointed Judge of the  
U. S. District Court for the State of  
Virginia, has, to his great honour,  
and our hope, just been taking  
another step towards the acknow-  
ledgement of Colored men's rights, and  
the vindication of them in U. S. Courts  
of law.

As his decision in this case, of  
a colored man's right to testify in  
a Virginia Court, or rather a U. S.  
Court held in Virginia, affects a  
Citizen of good old Massachusetts,  
I send you a copy of Judge Under-  
wood's opinion, thinking it probable  
that you would like to let our Massa-

Chesell, see, through the Columns  
of the Liberator that, after all, "the  
world does move."

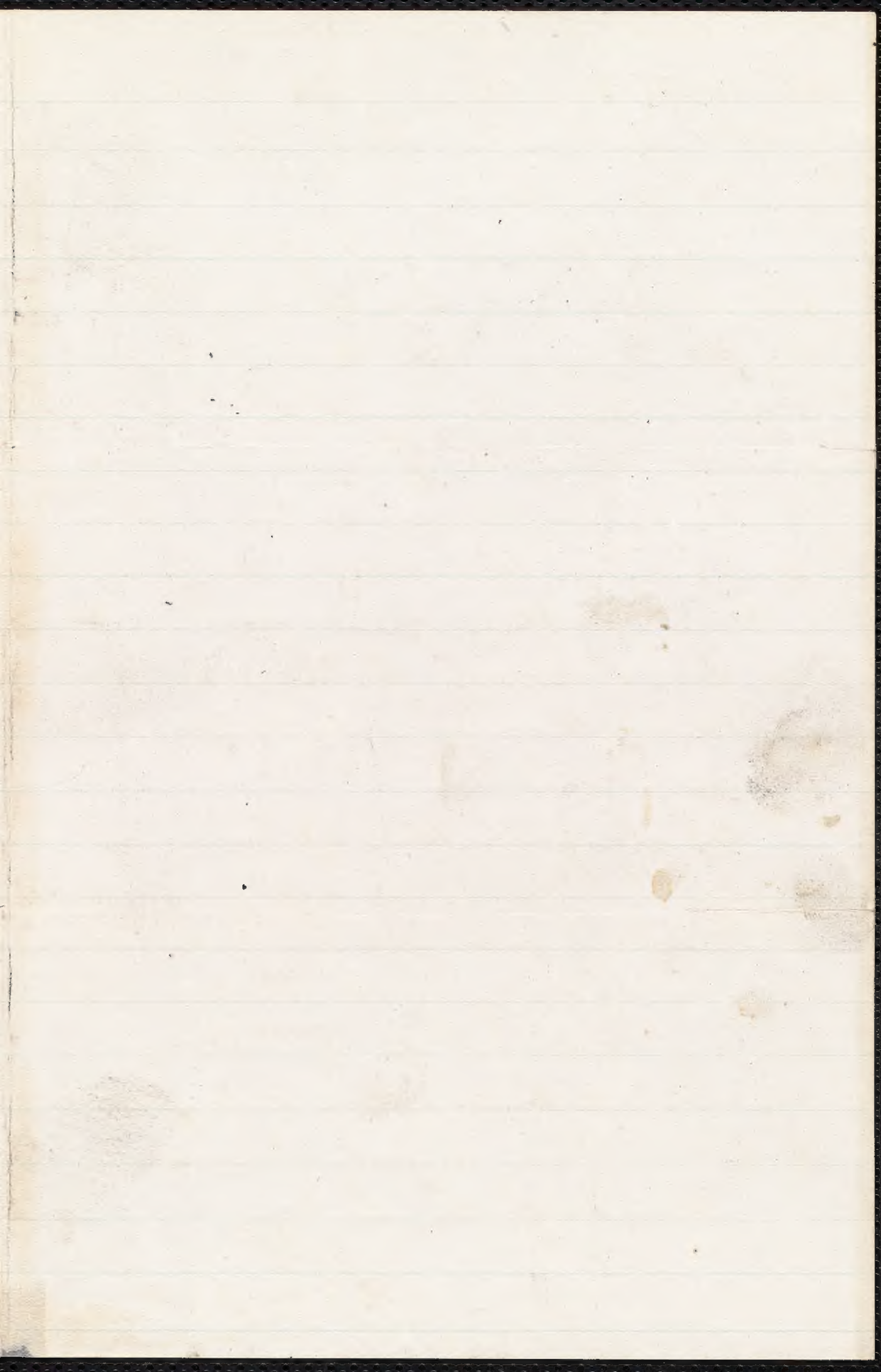
A postponement of the judge's  
final decision till the next term of  
his court was, I think very wise, as  
it gives time for "agitation" that old  
guardian of the people's rights, &  
perhaps for some action of Con-  
gress upon the same subject, as  
well as of others connected with  
the great cause for the "agitation"  
of which the "Liberator" came into  
the world.

If you give this opinion of  
Judge Underwood a place in the  
Liberator, will you be so kind as  
to send a copy of the Paper con-  
taining it to the Judge "Alexan-  
dria Va" and another copy to, in  
that case, your much obliged

Friend & fellow laborer

J. P. Pierpont

Treasurer of the Liberator, Washington D.C.



Dear John Pierpont,  
Washington,  
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