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known to me, I have hit upon almost the only one that is satisfying to me, as a proper explanation of the words of Paul and Peter.

I will advance Ten dollars toward publishing it in pamphlet, if I have the revision of it, and if one hundred are given to me for distribution. I want it published with the same accuracy that, The American Church, the bulwark of American Slavery was published in England. There was scarcely a mistake in that. The paper, too, was good. If it is, as I take it to be, it ought to be well printed and largely distributed among religious persons.

Let me hear from you soon. I address myself to you, because, if I mistake not, you said an able article on the subject in question was needed; and it will come with a good grace from you.

The name of the writer of the piece is not published. I would prefer, therefore, that it be, not unnecessarily, mentioned.

Expecting to hear from you shortly, I remain,
dear Sir, your Ob. Serv^t,

James G. Birney.

J. G. Birney,
Nov. 14, 1845.

Lower Saginaw, Mich. Nov. 14/45.

The Rev. Amos A. Phelps:

80 Dear Sir,

When I thought my malady had assumed an incurable form, I was in no small haste to commit to paper my argument to prove Slavery always sinful. I had never done it before in regard to any subject I had spoken from.

I had to send the first and only draft to the Signal of Liberty: Mrs. Birney being almost compelled to give her undivided attention to a large sick-list. It will, I suppose, be fully published this week. It was ~~not~~ ^{most} marvellous to me that they printed it at all - but that it was printed with so few mistakes - altho' there are some which give a ludicrous air to the whole piece - is really wonderful to me.

It is intended as a full answer to the Slaveholder. It is long, tho' not upon the topics which it embraces. I can make such corrections as are called for.

If it has met your eye, and you think it comes up to my description of it, say so. But, don't republish, till I have had it in hand.

Our abolitionists, generally, I believe, deny that Slavery can be right. I fear, they do not ^{do} so, intelligently. The scope and spirit of the Bible is certainly in favor of liberty. So they dabble, near it. But after trying all the ways