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Rev. Amos A. Phelps
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Sept 28. 1833

The following are the names attached to your circular
* Sanford Lawton - ^{academy} Monitor, Mass - Principal of Monitor
James Boyle - ^{Hager} Pastor of the Free Congregational Church, New

* Brother Lawton is a clergyman

that would be worse than nothing to you. I hope
you will not consider me as stubborn in this matter,
but I am becoming more and more convinced that
the Colonization Society is for a time to be the great
obstacle to emancipation and if I speak of it at
all in reference to Slavery I must do it with disappro-
bation most decided. And as it regards its utility in
reference to other important ends, such as Christianizing
Africa let any one read the Emancipator of this week
and they will open their eyes if they have been closed
before. In the next N. Y. Observer we shall see the
protest of Woburn and others against the Col. Society.
Two clergymen near Norwich have recently embraced our senti-
ments. Broth^r Satter of Woburn and Broth^r Platt of Greenfield who
will no doubt be ready very soon to engage in their
district to do all they can for the cause. I have
regretted exceedingly that I could not enter with all
my soul and time upon the agency offered to
me by the Society but it is all right. The Lord's way
is no doubt best and why should we wish it other-
wise? I hope soon to see your valuable work
in print and that you will be abundantly satis-
fied in the blessing which will come upon
the oppressed. My best regards to Mr. Phelps
family & to our anti Slavery brethren.

Yours affectionately in Christ

J. J. Lockyer

Mr. Child's work is one of my
great merit.

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Rev. Amos Phelps

New Haven Sept. 28th 1833

Dear Brother

I have been delayed by circumstances from getting the names expected to your circular. I have not thought it best to call on any persons excepting clergymen, and here there are only ^{three} from that I have thought best to speak to about it. Prof. Fitch does not feel called upon by duty to avow his sentiments in the brief form of the circular, and will when he considers it his duty come out in a full discussion of the question. Considering his situation it would be better should he come out at large. On the subject of Colonization he is decidedly by with us and would not be willing to commit himself on the question without going into the merits of the case fully. He therefore declines signing the circular for this and other reasons above named. Brother Cleveland is with us in sentiment but does not seem satisfied that the circular will do good. I do not therefore prefer it altho' I have given him my reasons in favor of it. Brother Boyle has signed it but would prefer having that part relating to Colonization left out - he will not be strenuous however about it. Brother Lawton is willing to have it either way. I heard Boyle your reasons for including the Colonization clause. I am sorry to state that I am unwilling to have my name attached to the circular as it is. I appreciate your remarks in your last letter properly I trust, but with my own views which have been publicly expressed I do not feel disposed to sign it as it is. If my name can be given as approving of the circular with the exception of the Colonization clause very well but perhaps