

O. P. Bacon

PHELPS  
MSS.

Dorchester, January 20. 1838.

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Rev & Dear Sir;

Your favor was not rec<sup>d</sup>. till  
this Evening. I will say that Brother  
Sanford & myself went to Dedham last  
Friday & made the arrangements for our  
meeting. We found so much ministerial  
aristocracy & Doctor of Divinity pomposity in  
Dedham we could not obtain a Meeting-  
House; & so much coldness & indifference  
among the people we could not obtain the  
Court-House nor Town-House. We however  
obtained a very large & commodious Hall,  
(Whites.) The Hall will convene 700 people,  
or perhaps more. I hope You will attend  
our meeting without fail, & secure as many good Speakers  
as possible to attend. If we ~~you~~ can awaken  
an interest in Dedham, on the great Subject of  
equal rights, it will be as great a work as  
has been accomplished. Dr. Burgess of Dedham  
said to us, we must <sup>not</sup> come to Dedham to hold  
the meeting for the purpose of dividing the Union  
& the people of his town. He said Slavery was  
not in it self a sin, nor an evil, & that if  
3 of his people should join an abolition Society he  
would ask a dismission. In haste Yours, O. P. Bacon

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See Notice to }  
W. Garrison. }