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Rev. Amos A. Phelps
Boston

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of. I found herself at the desired place she immediately called
and found true friends who conveyed her to Prober & thence to
N. York on her passage she was in company with her pursuers
& passed for the wife of a White Man her child was conveyed in
a bag in charge of another woman (after taken a large dose of Laud-
-um) in some other conveyance being sent for & brat to N. York
by means of Arthur Tappan, she had left her child in prison
preferring that ~~to~~ ^{to} slavery she then took passage
to Providence & thence to W. bridge & from thence in company with
gentlemen of the denomination of Quakers "to a land of liberty"
her eldest child she left in charge of the Quakers with confidence it
would be well provided for, she had 2 sisters who were sold
to N. Orleans soon after her first escape, her master fearing
the escape, she appeared to be some 30 years of age -
expected to meet her husband on arriving at her place of
destination -

Yours &c E. K. Church

A. S. P.



N. B. There passed through this place some 3 weeks since
a steamer (a female) with a young child "going (to use her own
language) to a land of freedom! Her history is briefly this as
given by herself. Her first Master was her father: (by the way,
there was nothing in the way of color to prevent her passing for a white
person, & lived in Virginia ~~and~~ he willed her freedom after his death
which took place some years past but she was claimed as a slave
on her mistress being again married, one day in her usual
walks with the children of her pretended Master a woman asked her
if she could keep a secret, answered yes, would you like your freedom?
most certainly, called at such a place at such a time and you can
have it, she called the woman exchanged her clothes for a suit of her
own, accompanied her to the boat, took an affectionate leave of her
as though she was a friend or a visit, she came to Phila, & was married
to a free black with whom she lived 3 yrs she was betrayed by some
one she knows not who her Master came out & claimed her on a
suit & it went against her, she had 2 children her husband
left by the advice of friends before the trial, she ^{was} placed in charge of an
officer to be conveyed hence to Virginia on the way the officer was taken
sick, was delayed some weeks, in the mean time the gates & doors kept fast
on a certain day the gate was left open, one of the domestics came into
her rooms on being asked if the family had done supper answered
they had just sit to the table she immediately threw her bonnet
& cloak out at a broken pane of glass in her room & took leave
of absence, presumed she ran a mile at least before she rose
from the table, when she had gone some 3 or 4 miles she en-
quired for a place called Quaker Hill she had heard spoken

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Edw. Kendall - Escape of a slave
from Philadelphia.

PHELPS
MSS.

Dear Sir

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I received yours a month since, I have delayed answering it until now partly on account of negligence & partly to ascertain if possible whether we are to have stated meetings other than the annual Meeting, we have not heretofore held only our annual Meeting except Special Meetings whenever we were called upon by an agent or lecturer -

I find an article in our constitution of this kind in

Art 4. The so. shall hold a meeting annually at such time & place as the Board of Managers shall appoint, for the choice of officers & other business -

It has usually been held about the middle of Jan.

In another article of our con. I find the following -

The Rec Secy shall call a Special Meeting of so. when so directed by the Board of Man-

~~The~~ The above statements are all I am able to make at present, it leaves the whole subject of your enquiries ~~out~~ without a definite answer I know, but you will see ^{now} it is at present, & that we can conform to other arrangements if necessary, any suggestions from yourself will be thankfully received by us,

Yours Respectfully

Edw Kendall jr