

=poured to procure some copying or other transitory employment
in Boston but without success - he now suggests as the best thing
I can do to go on to New York - and I now apply to you if probably
you would be willing to render me some assistance in procuring
me writing or to do in the Anti Slavery Office - or if it were in
the Printing Office or anything I would do it for any moderate
compensation - Mr. Tappan has generously offered to render me
pecuniary assistance in going on - I did wish to have seen
you personally but knowing Saturday to be a business day in
hand keeping I refrained from calling at your house and I have
no opportunity of meeting you elsewhere - perhaps it would
be as well if you urged upon Mr. J. --- to use his influence with
his Brother to do something in the A. S. Office for me - however you
can judge and know better than I - I want merely lay before
you my necessitous condition & plead for your assistance

Remaining as ever Yours with respect
Augustus Wilbur

A. W. Hanson

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July 7. 1838

Reverend Amos A. Phelps

PHELPS
MSS.

Dear Sir,

Since I have you to have any conversation I have made application to Mr. John Tappan and he suggested that the Board of Missions of which Doctor Anderson is the Director would probably be glad of my services as they were meditating upon sending a mission to South Africa - and their consequence gave me anote to Doctor Anderson who after some conversation said it would be satisfactory and necessary for me to procure credentials from persons acquainted with me - whereupon I walked down to Salem and got the enclosed from Mr. Tappan which you will oblige me by returning after perusal - Mr. Tappan after my return from Salem forwarded the enclosed with two other letters I have from persons ^(in Salem) acquainted with me in Africa to his Brother at New York who returned answer that he was much interested in this perusal but that having so much matter on hand personally he could not render me any assistance in procuring a mercantile situation - since that Mr. John Tappan had ^{enclosed}