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Dear friend Love;

Let me apologize  
for not answering your kind  
letter sooner, while returning my  
thanks for the same.

Believing the Supreme Court  
of Massachusetts to have been most  
unjustly arraigned in the matter  
of the Jackson legacy by Mr.  
Phillips and knowing that his  
injusticed accusations in the  
Standard against myself, and  
my long- tried co-workers, Mr.  
May and Mr. Quincy were utterly  
baseless while mainit were being  
inided and alienated by them,  
I felt that I was bound by every  
consideration of justice to all parties  
concerned to make the reply in the

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Standard, faithful as was the  
task. In writing that reply, I en-  
deavored to guard myself against  
any undue excitement of mind,  
while treating the subject with that  
plainness and fidelity which the  
truth will always justify, and  
sometimes demands. I trust there  
can be nothing found in it of a  
"indictive spirit," though it nec-  
essarily has a personal application.  
I thank you for your suggestion  
in regard to the four last lines in  
Specification No. 7; but my reason  
for inserting them was, that they  
were both deserved and needed as  
a rebuke of the "self-inflation" and  
assumption over "old associates"  
of anti-slavery fidelity, which have  
characterized the writings and  
speeches of Mr. Phillips for the last  
three years. When you say, "Lament

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true it may be, it is not Garrison-  
like," I must dissent from your  
friendly judgment; because I am  
never given to circumlocution, and  
never hesitate to "call a spade a  
spade". It was a much more  
serious matter to deny, in the most  
explicit manner, each one and all  
of the ten allegations made by Mr.  
Phillips, as utterly untrue, than  
to allude to his "self-inflation" &c,  
but I could not do otherwise.

I beg you, my dear friend, to make  
the case your own, and consider  
yourself publicly accused, by one  
of commanding influence, of  
having betrayed a sacred trust,  
and appealed to a "pro-slavery  
Court" to enable you to carry out  
your base designs! It ceases to be  
an honest difference of judgment,  
you perceive, in regard to the best

use of the trust, but strikes at personal integrity, and implies outrageous apostasy. Read Mr. Phillips' allegations carefully over again, and say whether, if they are to be believed, Mr. May, Mr. Quincy and myself do not deserve to be despised and condemned by all upright souls; or whether, if they are false, the accuser does not deserve to be strongly rebuked for his conduct.

At this hour, the freedmen of the South are, by the Reconstruction Act of Congress, recognized American citizens, with full political enfranchisement, and actively engaged in making State Constitutions, enacting laws, revising statute books, &c, &c. But, of course, as a class, their ignorance is appalling; and their speedy and

General enlightenment, through the common school system, is of primary and paramount importance, to enable them to maintain the rights conceded to them, and intelligently to discharge the important duties devolving upon them.

The Court orders Mr. Jackson's legacy to be expended for this noble and indispensable object. Mr. Phillips pronounces it a gross perversion of the Fund! Where is his fairness or sound sense? Was there ever a more preposterous charge, or a more absurd out-cry?

At a meeting of the Trustees, on Friday, he declared his purpose to disregard the decision of the Court, and to refuse to pay over one dollar of the legacy to the treasurer of the Freedmen's Commission! Through his controlling influence, the money

his idea, while millions at the South are famishing for instruction, and groping in thick darkness.

I do not expect to be in New York in May, but may send you a letter for the Peace anniversary.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison