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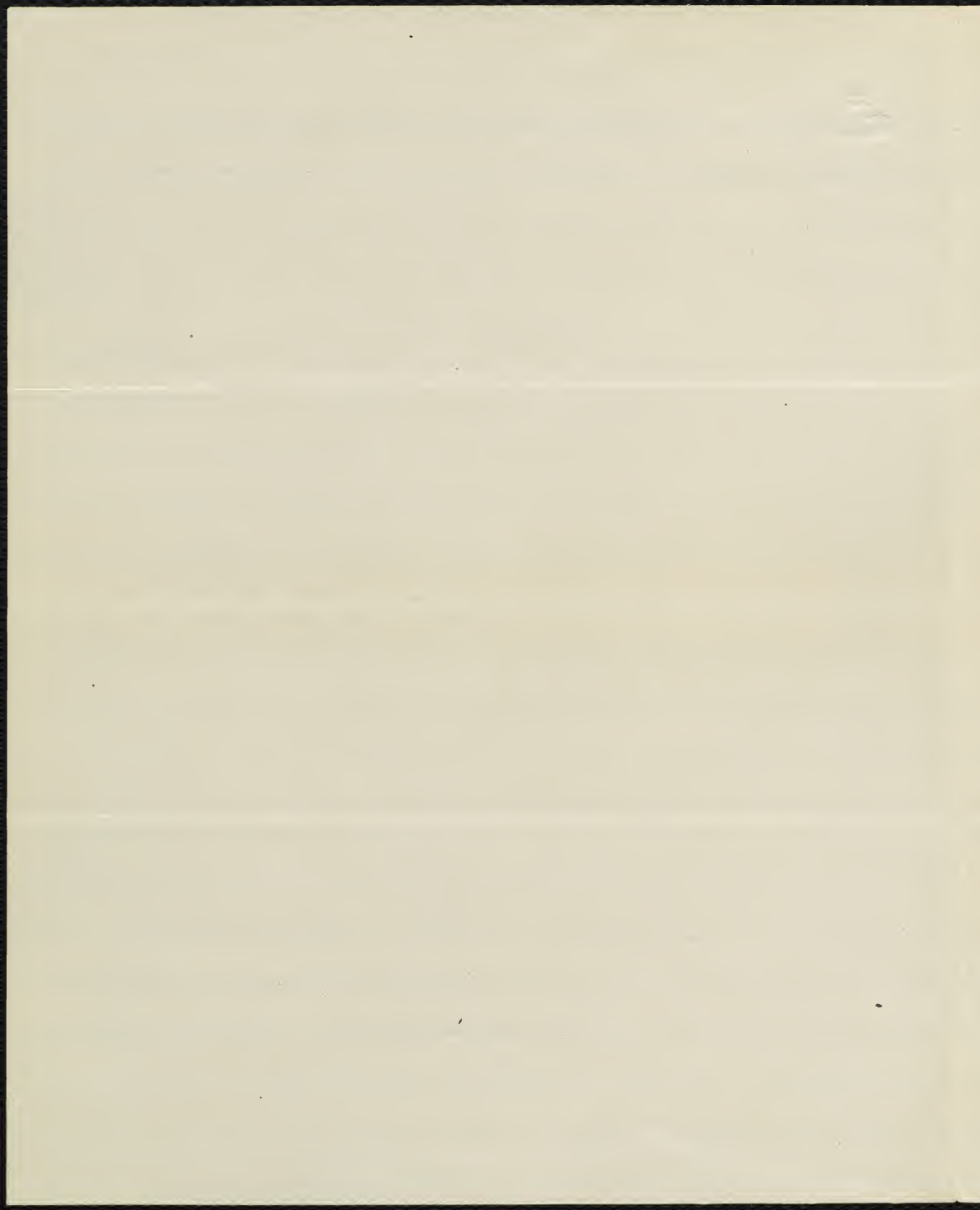
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Roxbury, April 21, 1867.

My Dear Friends:

I duly received your note, in relation to the case of our faithful co-laborer, George Thompson. When I alluded to the desirableness of his returning home to his family, and especially the propriety of his being a representative champion of the colored race at the approaching Anti-Slavery Conference in Paris, I had no thought of taxing your kindness, or Mr Sewall's, in his behalf. You have had a delicate and delicate task in trying to complete the "Testimonial," as far as practicable; and I should deem it quite an outrage, at least very unreasonable, to ask you to start another subscription, even to facilitate the object I have ~~now~~ <sup>alluded to</sup>. Dear, generous Mr Sewall, too, is constantly appealed to for donations of one kind and another, and ought to have some rest. My impression about G.T. has been, that those who have helped the "testimonial" are principally such as I could have applied to in his case, were it not that I am thus precluded from doing so by personal considerations; and, certainly, you ought not to be put to even the slightest trouble about it. At the same time, in view of the recent death of his oldest and only son, and his long absence from his family, it is due to appearances that he should return home this spring. Nothing but his pecuniary situation has kept him here so long; so that, in fact, he has remained in the U.S. as a matter of necessity rather than of choice. But he would almost sooner die than unless his case known even to those who would take a friendly interest in it. From what I can hear out, he would gladly go over with me, if he could be relieved of the expense of the trip, to and from England; <sup>say, \$400. I say from England.</sup> his case, unless he can find some other way of finding him the means of livelihood when he gets home, he will have to return next fall, again to enter the lecturing field at New West. If, therefore, you can be prevailed to pay his passage home, I should feel justified, by various weighty considerations, to pay his passage back to Boston, rather than to leave him behind. Dear Lucetta Mott has raised one hundred of dollars for him, and hoped to have raised another hundred, but she has been very ill, and

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and most cases is felt & felt strongly from his best wishes. I spoke to Mr. Weston about this matter when I saw him a few weeks ago, and he promised to do what he could; but nothing has yet come of it, to my knowledge. Nevertheless, I have taken the responsibility of securing a passage for G. V. on board of the Harvard steam ship, which sails from Boston on the 8th of May, and in which I have engaged my own. You know I thought of going over in the Great Eastern, from New York on the 18th of May; but she has altered her time to the 28th of May, I have concluded to sail from Boston on the 8th - the next lumberer not leaving Boston till the 22d. Mr. Thompson knows what I have done, and will make his arrangements accordingly, though ignorant of the modus operandi.

I do not know how efficient G. W. Light would prove in soliciting subscriptions; but I believe he is an old canvasser, and therefore ought to be "familiar with the ropes". I think, moreover, his esteem for Mr. Thompson would prompt him to do his best.

I thank you for sending me the Circular of the London New Broad Street Committee, relating to the Paris Conference, as I had not seen it before. If one was sent to me from London, it never came to hand.

If I am officially authorized to represent the American Freedmen's Aid Commission at Paris, I shall need no such paper as you kindly suggest, <sup>up before the Universal F. B. Conference</sup> should Mary Grew go the conference, the same question will arise as came up in 1840; but I think she could not be excluded.

As to you about Miss Estlin's coming to America the present year, Mr. M. Kim writes me that it is now very doubtful whether she makes the visit. She will not come till the fall, any how.

(Rev. Samuel May, Jr.  
Leicester, Mass.)

Your attached friend  
W. L. G.

P.S. Tell your dear wife that if she will go to Paris, &c. I will most gladly do everything in my power to make the visit agreeable. So will Fanny, and Mr. Villard, and Frank.

Roxbury, April 5, 1867