

Philadelphia 9th Moth 1853
A. C. Weston

Dear friend

Your esteemed favor of 18th comes
to me today. I hasten to answer it that

your reply may go to father and
Mother Mott, who left for New York

today. The only question your letter

agrees me to discuss is whether some of
us in Peru will do a ~~service~~ ^{service} the money

needed to carry out the plan ~~and~~ have
no view in reference to G. Thompson.

In this I reply for myself that if it
has an object I approve of I could not

now do, as in the absence of Mr. Kim
we are very much pressed to keep on

our organization here in proper working
order. But if it is due to you for friends

that should also give my opinion
on the point which you seem to

have settled. Whether G. should be invited
to come to this country, is the capacity
you refer to. I do not think it will pay.
It will cost too much in money & I
think it an error in judgment. It will
cost in other things. A letter from McKim
at some time since refers to this subject
& as I have quite decided views on it I
wrote him as follows 7/19. 53.

I hear that G. Thompson talks of taking
up his abode here. It may be none of my
business whether he does or not, but if his
idea is to come here, & live off of the Anti
Slavery Cause & people, as one of the latter
is deeply interested in the former I protest
against it. I know the feeling is very de-
cided here against it. If he feels disposed
to come settle himself to making a
living - as Parker does, that make anti
Slavery lecturing an occupation, he would

No doubt meet from many, a hearty welcome. The
best plan he could adopt would be to go to some
of the Western or North Western states, & build up a
strong reputation, & then by adding to these
his wonderful thinking & speaking power, he would
not only be a happier but a vastly more useful
"Man". "I know that Father & Mother agree with
me, so does Maria. I have not talked with
any others." Had I not been writing to
Mulle, with whom I am familiar enough
to speak in the roughness of my nature, I
might have clothed the same ideas in language
less blunt & severe, but I feel I still feel that
S. F. would not ^{at} all suit our State or our
people. They have very little confidence
in an indolent man, in one who seems to
have so little idea of promises & punctuality
& who lives so much upon stimulants.
(I have not seen Douglas's Article & only heard
of it & it would not be influenced
much from that quarter.) Hoping you may
be able to read my very poor & hastily written
letter. Remain your friend very truly
F. M. Davis

9mo. New York - Edward has just sent this to us to forward to the dear Ann - I have only a minute to say that after a last refusal - as well as of thy letter, both Jas. Mott & self unite in the opinion expressed - I hope there will be more deliberation on the part of those favorable to G. Thompson's coming here - as an agent before any encouragement is held out.

The fact of his being a foreigner, aside from other serious objections, would be in the way of his success.

I feel sorry to differ from those in whose judgment in the main I so fully accord - but I much fear that he would prove himself not reliable, without more watching than could be constantly exercised.

Besides, the pecuniary draft would be very great - but you know in that respect, how cautious & close & perhaps niggardly we persons are. Much love
Lucy Mott

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