

Brooklyn March 11th 1834.

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Mr Phelps,

to Mrs Tyler, with whom I boarded when you last called upon me, is about to start for Boston this morn^g & proposes to take any letters wh^{ch} I may wish to send, & have concluded to write you a line.

I wd^l here gratefully acknowledge & receipt of your "lectures on Slavery." I wish you had also furnished me with a privilege of acknowledging ~~it~~ & receipt of a letter. Your book, I have as yet examined but in part. As your sentiments generally on the sin of Slavery, & can respond a hearty Amen. For months it has been my settled conviction that the system of slavery ought to be cut up "root & branch" as soon as possible. But may all the reformers on this subject remember that "light & love" are the only means wh^{ch} will prove effectual in giving a right tone to public sentiment. That your friend Garrison has done good I have no doubt; but that, by his violent & abusive speeches, he has also done much evil, & retarded the cause he wd^l fair advance, I have as little doubt. I rejoice that you have become deeply interested on the right side of the slavery question. May God grant that the friends of abolition, of "emancipation immediate"

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rationality interpreted, be rapidly & greatly multiplied. But here, let me say, my mind has not yet become so leavened with sayings opposed to + Colored Soc^y, as to induce me yet to renounce it. That its system has been in some respects defective, I am not satisfied. That it has like all causes, some injudicious advocates, & that its principles & its colony have been much aspersed, I am confident. That it is not an "adequate remedy" for slavery, in my mind there is no doubt. But that it has powerfully retarded + progress of truth in reference to sin of slavery, I can not yet admit. The lack of interest in + emancipation cause has been owing to a lack of conviction on + horrors & + guilt of slavery. Let + truth on this subject be faithfully presented, & it will take effect among + good, tho' + Col^d Soc^y still lives. Garrison deems + Col. Soc. a most inefficient thing, & yet almost with the same breath he will speak of it as exerting a powerful influence in perpetuating slavery, or opposing emancipation. I think many of + warm advocates of abolition w^d do more good, & multiply converts to their principles much faster, if they w^d confine themselves to their great question, & not let off so much steam of malignity against + "Col^d Soc^y."

I hope you will take time & prepare
& send me at least a brief letter by Mrs
the Tyler. She will probably call on you & will not
to leave the city till Friday. I wish you to inform
me in what week in May, & anniversaries
in Boston occur. I have the impression it is
the last week in May. I think of attending
this year, & not go on to N. York. My wife
is anxious to visit her uncle Blake, & Epis-
copal Minister of South Boston in Spring
next. I shall not probably go to housekeeping else-
where next Spring. My Ch. & congregation here
are rapidly built up, & I have often thought
I should in future do more good & per-
form more labor elsewhere. This year
let people here love me as much & as ad-
mired as ever, yet I have sometimes thought
of seeking another field of labor. I have now
about 200 persons, & I find it injures me,
with to write so much. And besides how can I
stay in future years live in this County, seat
on \$500 salary. Don't leak this thing to Tyler,
any one else. Still if I could get a decent
opportunity to change my field of labor I
should like it. What should you think of +
my plan? The "East Windsor Light House," is beginning
to make + surrounding darkness "visible." Jonathan
Coywell of New Britain is to be one of + Professors!!
Our skelleton another! Such a mighty team

will probably tear up all the maps of Taylor's
ere long. If you go on to N. York in May
will you not come on this way. It is a
direct & pleasant route, via, Norwich. Dickinson
has a protracted meeting now in progress. Lots of inquir-
ers of Berkshire Co- is there. There is fine revival in
Furnington, & in many other places in the vicinity
of ^{Mass} ~~Mass~~ ^{affectionately} E. J. Williston.

~~Rev. A. A. Phelps~~
Boston.
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Rev. Mrs. E. Tyler.

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E. J. Williston