

Boston, April 21, 1854.

My dear Purvis:

Your letter is received, and we are all very much gratified that you have given an affirmative answer to our invitation to speak at our approaching anniversary at New York. Your acceptance is made with your characteristic diffidence; but you really have no occasion to feel the least embarrassed. Seize hold of some phase of pro-slavery or colonization scandalism as a point on which to try the lightning of your moral indignation, and blaze away. But I need suggest nothing. You know every rope in the ship, and a better sailor never yet took upon a plank than yourself.

With Dr. Furness, Theodore Parker, Wendell Phillips, Lucy Stone, and yourself, our anniversary cannot fail to prove highly attractive, and to be deeply interesting. We are not without hope that either C. H. Chapin or Henry Ward Beecher will also consent to speak on the same occasion.

Our cause has recently met with a severe loss at the West, in the death of one of our lecturing agents, James W. Walker. He was the Parker Pillsbury of the West, only more active and energetic; sometimes a little injudicious, perhaps, but always unflinching, and "faithful unto death." It seems hard to part with one so efficient, especially as the true lovers are so few.

Please give to your dear wife the loving remembrances of my own partner, and also of myself.

Yours, devotedly,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Robt. Purvis, Esq.





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