

GARRISON
MSS.

[Edwards]

Esteemed Friend

Wilmington 12 mo 5th 1850

Mr Lloyd Garrison, enclosed please find a letter for our mutual friend George Thompson. I feel very anxious to see him once more, and I am so situated in business that I cannot well leave home for more than one or two days at a time, after having lost by imprudent partners, and unprincipled slave holders, all that I had accumulated for forty years, about 40,000 Dollars I commenced business anew last new years day, on borrowed capital entirely, and it behoves me as an honest man, to attend closely to business, till I feel confident that in any emergency I shall have enough saved to pay my friends that have loaned me money to commence with, I have watch'd with great interest the course you have pursued in respect to the Crafts and think it was managed in such a manner that slave holders, will hardly think worth while to risk the expence, and mortification of sending agents, from the South to Boston, to look up their runaway slaves, the slave population who have escaped to the free states have been very much alarmed, by the passage of this infamous slave bill, but I very much doubt, whether on the whole there will be

more arrested under the new Law, than
the Law, as it stood for years Past, there
are so many more, who feel an interest
in affording them shelter, and Protection
may this feeling increase till not a soul
can be found in the free states mean enough
to assist the master in reclaiming them,
there has lately been several free persons
arrested as runaway slaves, lately in this
neighborhood, but we have so far succeeded
in getting all released pretty soon after
they were imprisoned - any white man here
may arrest a colour'd man on suspicion
of his being a slave put him in Jail,
if he is proved a slave, the man taking
up gets a reward, if free the County pays
the expences, and the poor Black has no
remedy, or compensation for loss time,
please hand the enclosed to our friend
Thompson when opportunity offers, and
oblige thy friend

Thos. Garrett