

Chas. J. Torrey

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Salem June 25th 1839.

Rev. W. L. Phelps,
(Chairman of Agency Com^y)
(ex. Com^y Mass. S. Soc.)

Dear Brother, as Chairman of the agency committee of the Board of the Essex Co. Abolition Society, I am instructed to request, that Rev. Epaphras Goodman, one of your agents, be placed under the direction of our Committee for the present, to labor in this Co's S. Service, to request you to send with him, a lay financial agent, to be also under our direction - We desire their services immediately. It was also voted to request your Board to place all the agents you send into the County, under our direction; all their collections of money, to be paid into our County Treasury; their reports of their labors to be made in the first instance to us - & transmitted to you as a return - it was voted to pledge our Committee to do all in their power to pay the salaries and expenses of all agents so employed, and at least one thousand dollars in addition into your Treasury, before the close of the current A. S. year, ending May 1840. The reason why we cannot make the pledge larger or more absolute now, is, that we do not yet know our strength. We hope to do much more than we promised to do - believe we shall. But we wished to keep within safe limits.

In behalf of the agency Committee,
I am yrs for the slave,

Chas. J. Torrey.

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Dear Bro: - How you have it, cut & dried. I have written to Goodman to
come here sooner as he can - & go to work - the sooner the better -
We have got our county business well arranged, & all we want
now is agents - agents agents - I think, in regard to a fi-
nancial agent, that Goodman had better get on that money
he can, at first, and then six weeks hence go over
the same ground, with a finance man, lecture once
in a place, and make thorough work with the
money matter - In a few instances he can take up
good collections as he goes - This depends upon the
degree of unity of feeling prevalent - We have con-
cluded to publish our little county expose first in a pam-
phlet form - & then get as many papers as may be to
copy it - The Lynn Record, follows suit with Garrison
in refusing to copy our paper Constitution etc. & address
suff. of abuse - Please state in your reply, to this,
what days & months the regular meetings of the E. Com.
are holden - - In love yours -
Chas. T. Torrey -

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