

[Copy.]

Boston, August 2, 1869.

J. W. Chapman Esq

My Dear Sir,

~~Office~~ Your note of July 1.st,
informing me of the ~~good~~ opinion of
the George Thompson Testimonial Comtee,
that it would be ~~advice~~ best to invest
the money, ~~so~~ ^{contributed} here for said object,
in United States securities, ^{and} of the kind
known as "five-twenties," was duly
received. ~~That occupation of my~~
~~time has prevented an immediate~~
~~attention to the~~ Except in
regard to the risk incurred in the trans-
mission, I entirely ^{coincided} ~~agreed~~ in that opinion,
~~and, having~~ consulted a leading banker
of this city, and ~~being~~ ^{was} advised by him ^{so} to
invest the ^{amount} ~~money~~ I had collected, ~~in~~
~~"five-twenties,"~~ ~~and~~ ^{to insure} ~~the~~
safe transmission ^{of the Bond} to London, I made

accordingly

a purchase of the One Thousand Dollar ^(Coupon) Bond herewith sent. For this bond I paid One thousand, One hundred and Seventy three ⁹⁵/₁₀₀ dollars (\$1173.75) - that class of bonds then selling at a fraction over 117 for 100. Within three days the price of these bonds rose more than three per cent., and they have recently been sold here for 121 for 100.

~~I trust and do not doubt~~ ^{I trust believe} it will prove a good and safe investment, and I trust it will reach your hands safely. You will please add it to the Testimonial fund in honour of ^{Mr. J. P. Thompson}.

As I have already exchanged ^{with} letters on the subject with yourself, it seems best ^{that should} address you now; - ~~I prefer to continue writing to you on this business to you~~ which I doubt ^{cannot} doubt will be satisfactory to your ~~the regular officers of the committee,~~ will pardon.

A small balance ^{of contributions} still remains in my hands; to which I expect some additions. When all is received

whatever may be
I shall send you ~~the balance due~~, - in
a bill of exchange probably, - and also a
~~an exact~~ list of the ~~subscribers~~ contributors.

It is a matter of great regret ^{to me} ~~to me~~
that the sum we send is so small, where
our debt is so great. The American
abolitionists know well how vast a service
Mr. Thompson rendered, in arousing this
Nation to the sin and shame of Slavery
upon our Soil. The nation reaps the
benefit of his labors, sacrifices, and
perils, but thanks too little of him and
others who did and ~~endured~~ ^{endured} so bravely,
patiently, & persistently. ^{Enough, indeed, that American Slavery is dead;} ~~But~~ ~~a~~ ~~few~~
of us ^{may} ~~not~~ ^{with} ~~tear~~ ^{may} ~~may~~ voice, by this
most inadequate offering, ~~that~~ ^{that} at least
that he is not forgotten here, and we ^{desire to} ~~ask~~ ~~his~~
assure him of ~~its~~ ~~most~~ ~~sincere~~
acceptance of ~~this~~ ~~small~~ ~~addition~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~
~~Testimonial Fund~~ ~~his~~ earnest, & devout
^{petition} ~~desires~~ ^{that} the highest & best consolations,
hopes, and rewards, which the faithful soul

Can know, may be his, without
ceasing, in time and in eternity.

In behalf ~~of~~ not only of these
donors, but of many friends whose
circumstances do not allow them to
participate in this tribulation, ~~I write,~~
and with ~~these~~ ^{my best} respects to all
your Committee, remain I subscribe
myself ~~Very truly,~~

Yours with great regard

(signed) J. C. H.

Please acknowledge receipt, ^{at once,} address as on
at Leicester, Mass. U.S. (as before.)

To ~~J. C. H.~~ Cheveron, Esq.,
62, Kennington Road, S. E. London, Es

No acknowledgment of this.

Mid. of Sept^r. I learned the "Bond" went in the "Gemma"
which was lost on Coast of Newfoundland; but mails had been rec.
& sent to London; "registered letter" had arrived in London.

Sept. 24th I wrote to Cheveron, giving above facts.

Oct. 13. I receive a letter from him, with no reference to above.

Oct. 18. Rec^d. letter ^{of Oct. 4th} acknowledging arrival Sept.

Oct. 20. Rec^d. letter, dated Oct. 9, reporting of facts, but nothing learn

Oct. 21. I write him, acknowledg^{ing} above 3 letters, & informing him of all I ha
as to purchase, in passage, registry of letter, &c. & quoting his letters to show all e
of accordance with their wishes. I inform the Ins. Co. was prepared to pay
I continued his voluntary action in the class.