

New York April 4. 1836

to Messrs Fuller & Rogers

Dear Brethren

to the invita-
-tion of the Free Church to become its Pastor, received through
you. I am constrained, after I trust a candid consid-
-eration of the question of duty in the case, to return a
negative. It seems to me that duty calls me to New
York rather than to Boston. And after saying this, I
suppose it needless for me to assign the reasons
which have led me to this decision. Whether I am
right in my decision time only can show. In the
mean time, with the most sincere desires for
your ^{spiritual} prosperity as individuals & a church, & with
genuine joyce that you will utterly cleave from man
& lean only on God & God's truth, for success in
your enterprise, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Amos A. Phelps.

Reply to Invitation of the
Free Church in Boston
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