the change of location would probably cause a falling off of two thirds of the Subscribers. — There are local wants that must be met. — One course of Editorial labor is adapted to old veteran troops, who want to be led on, to new Conquests. — Another course of elementary discipline is needed for readers who have been a less time in the School. [A large portion of my readers are raw recruits and need drilling.] Both papers, therefore, seem to be needed. — I grant it is no small additional expense but I believe the expense cannot be spared, especially at this time. — Jacksons Farewell Address. Van Burens Inaugural, & the Course of the Albany Legislature, leave us no room to doubt that the State of N. York will be drilled, if possible, to the Fighting point of responding to the demands of a Southern Convention. — The great battle field of the Coming Campaign is the "Empire State" the last hope both of Slavery and of Freedom! The "Free policy" for the present, both of your Committee & yours, is to fortify the State of New York. — From your Capitol, the voice of defiance has been pretty distinctly heard. — But a "Southern Convention" will probably be held, and, by help of Lynch law & "penitentiary terrors, put on the air of an Unanimous (!) appeal. — The problem is, whether the North, & especially the State of N.Y. shall be quelled and overawed by it. Here lies the Ship danger. — Surely, it must be a bad time for spiking our Attica guns, now. — No: brother: we must "Go ahead". As for your going back into the "Ministry" unless you mean an Anti Slavery lecturing Agency, it is out of the Question. — What? Sound your trumpet of defiance & retire? That will never do. — I had better stay at Albany, & you had better stay at N.York: As Editor, or as Secretary, & in either case, as a member of the Committee, you are wanted at N.York. — Don't be discouraged. — You are doubtless tried with the backwards-like policy of the Committee — & so was I tried, in a darker hour than this present. Two years ago last August, the question was not simply of retrograde but — what shall I say? — It was not proposed to surrender, but if one more of the Committee had followed, (as I feared) the ethics of C.G.F. and the example of W.C. Gunn, it would have been a surrender. — The Emancipator was to have been stopped, sans ceremonie & every agent called in. — The offer of L.T. turned the scale. My proposal to travel 3 months, after Emancipation & friends helped to quiet the panic & suspend suicide. — The help I obtained was of less consequence than the gaining of time for the development of new Providences & the returning hopes they inspired. — Hold on, then, I say. & "don't give up the Ship". Some other editor can be found, if need be — or a Secretary can be found, which will give you a chance to remain Editor. — Hodges Reed, of Taunton, if he could be drawn out, would make one of the most popular Editors in the Country. His smooth style, and easy, light, yet pithy Sarc

food, would take, I think, with your most fastidious City Critics; while his good sense would commend him, every where. — I am involved, for myself, a powerful Competitor, if you can get him — But — "n'importe" — "Pro bono publico" is the motto of abolitionism.

Reid is a man of quick perception — great tact — accurate discrimination — well drilled in the metaphysics of the Common School — yet, nevertheless, a favorite Correspondent of the Old Methodist Zion's Herald, eight or ten years ago: — afterwards of the National Philanthropist, Boston — Genius of Liberty, Utica, N.York, &c. &c. — He generally writes comparatively short articles, tho' frequently in a Series of numbers, and says things that nobody else would ever think of, before he read it, but which every body understands and assents to the moment he reads it. His Signature was S.D.. You could find some of his articles, in the files of the "Nation"

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al Phelan & Gen. of Temp. — in the possession of A.K. Crain of your City. ~~I was young ago, & first~~ Reid lived in Boston while I was there — was a dry goods merchant — afterwards returned to Taunton, & keeps, I believe, a Retail Shop there, with his brother. ~~Also~~ About a year ago, I found him in the Mass. Legislature: — one of the few Abolitionists there in the House. I have since seen his name among the Officers of the County A.S. Soc. of Bristol Co — Of the peculiar type of his Abolitionism, I cannot confidently speak, but in the Temperance Cause he was always an ultra, & I think has always been a decided friend of Garrison, and since he was acquainted with Garrison, & Whittier, myself, in Boston, in 1828. — 30

I then, this moment, see a line from Gerrit Smith, informing that he is about forwarding you a short answer to Lysander Bacon, for the N.Y. Pty. & Emancipator, leaving it for me to defend my Report". I have written him my earnest desire

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Crumbell — & what other information you can suggest.
Upon this, let me say, "in Confidence" suggests good reason
why I should not take charge of the Emancipator in Some
of you seem to desire. Unanimity in the Selection of an Editor is important
& I know some of the grounds on which others differ from me in respect to the
made in which the paper should be Conducted. In respect to the
policy of the Committee, likewise, your opinion & influence, which of
would be on the same side with my own, would be more influen
tial & weighty with the individuals upon whose minds it is
most needed. — More than this. — I think the very fact of
changing backward & forward so soon, would have an unpleas
ant effect — it would be inconvenient & expensive. — Perhaps
I misjudge, but it seems to me I can do more good here,
than in N. York. — The farming population, who read with most
interest my long prosing lucubrations, are here at my elbow.
I am planted in the very heart of them, and it is to this
class that the nation must look under God, in my opinion,
for its salvation. — I left the paper in N. York, it was about a year
ago, as we have seen, as a Monthly — I was worn down with labor &
only as a Monthly — I was worn down with labor &
thought I could be spared. — I had plans also for a settle
ment in the Country, but they did not succeed. Finding my
self recruited in strength, I accepted the unexpected invi
tation from Utica, believing it was the best way in which
I could occupy my energies in the Cause, whatever they might
be. Had I suspected that any of the friends in New York, were
adverse to such an establishment at Utica, I should have
given their objections a serious consideration. But I did not
dream of them. Nor did I know, at that time, that the
weekly Emancipator would be resumed. — Weld joined them
heartily with the Utica friends in urging that I should "say
yes" and I said it. — I have not found the field less inter
esting and important than I expected. To leave the field now
would almost be a breach of good faith — not so much to
the Utica friends, to whom an explanation could be made,
as to hundreds of scattered friends, all over the State, who have
been induced to make exertions for an object which they
would now consider as abandoned. — It would weaken
Confidence in any future enterprize that might be pro
posed, if the present should be abandoned so soon. The
principal difficulties have already been surmounted. A
press had been purchased & paid for, & if a paper is to be
Continued here, there seems no good reason why I should
leave it, to go to N. York, & a new Editor can as well
be procured for N. York as for Utica. I am already on the
spot and in the work. — If the Subscription list of the
"Friends of Man" should be transferred to the Emancipator,

Prof. Phelps.

Utica 13 April 1837.

PHELPS MSS.

Yours of the 10th reached me last evening. — I have William Goodell

seen nothing yet of the Vol. of Trumbull's History of Con. and fear I shall not have an opportunity to send for it, by any one who is soon returning. — Can you not tell me, briefly, the chief facts, or classes of facts, which you think will be useful to you — and the part of the Volume that contains it? — & whether the Vol. reaches me or no, I should like to know what it is that can be proved from Trumbull, that would be useful in a reply to Mr Bacon. — I am addressing him a series of letters — probably three or four — of perhaps 4 Columns each. — The first is in the hands of the printer. The second is in progress, and in this, I have already intimated some things respecting the History & character of the Saybrook platform & the enactments of 1708. I have done this from memory having no books by me, & not knowing that I have ever read any thing on the subject from Trumbull. — I have said I remembered seeing, in Con. above 30 years ago, 2 venerable men sisters of whom it was said, in reference to their old age, that they were "settled upon the Old Saybrook platform." — I have intimated how the "rural parishes" occupied the entire soil of the State — & how the "minister" "pastor" of each parish claimed the exclusive "right" of religious teaching within his own parish. — how Clergy (of Canterbury!) was imprisoned for preaching without due authority — how Methodist Ministers were protested against as intruders, when they first entered the Bryan reign — how the poor man's last Cow was attached for the payment of the Minister's Salary. — I have said that the "platform" was always considered as various with the Congregational principle & that its adoption was opposed, at the time, by the Consistent Congregationalists — that it was adopted thro' the influence of men who preferred another System of Ch. polity to the Congregational — that, in consequence of its adoption, the very name of Congregationalist, in Con. began to be laid aside — that the Churches came to be called by the name of another sect, i.e. the Presb. — a practice which was not wholly discontinued to the present day. — I said the disuse of the name began to be taken for a relinquishment of the thing, until, goaded by one stride after another of the "pastors" for supremacy of power the Congregational Laity re-asserted their rights, & continued the contest until "the platform" itself gave way under the feet of "the pastors" who had elevated themselves upon it. — May write, on rect. of this, & tell me whether these facts are not correct — whether they are not corroborated