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Dear Friend

Poughkeepsie Febuary 7th 1833

I should have written to you before had not I expected an answer from you but preceiving you are so ingaged and have many answers to write of mor importance I therfore have undertook to scribble a few lines hopeing you will excuse the bad spelling, did I not believe you are ready and willing to may all due allowance I should not dare to write one line, for I will assure you I feel my inability to hold carrispondance with a man of your talent and believe me sir did I not consider you as a father I should not attempt to hold carrispondance with you any more believeing you are glad to see one of the misfortunate race (which you are endeaveing to raise) able to write though ever so imperfect, I wrote to you before and mention it but a few years since I know my alphabet but did you unstand all the circumstances attend me untill the present moment you would wonder that can write at all but leaveing my history of my life to some future day I would make some remarks upon my former letter. I have allmost repented I wrote on the subject I did thinking since it was of no profit I did think at the time of my writing it might be of some use to you not knowing whether you had ever seen the the review or not for I do not wish to pester your mind with trifleing things I had various thoughts respecting my letter after I did not ree an answer from you untill I received the last paper which mention about your corrispondans If I done wrong in writing please to pardon me, I perceive you have mis understood me respecting Mr William Gale I wrote he lived in N.Y. it true he makes it his home in N.Y. but in the winter he stays in Poughkeepsie the boat puts up every winter in this place to prepare for sommer and Mr Gale hath to stay and take care of her. He thinks he can get his paper here better than in N.Y. as he takes the boat from Poughkeepsie and is here twice a week he hath been waiting for his paper and is almost impatient he is a man of some poverty and saith he is willing to support any thing that come from your press he saith he is ready to pay the money whenever he rec.d the paper and the Abolitionist for he wants both, you will therefore please to send both of them to Poughkeepsie, I shall send you five Dollars for the Abolitionist

I wish you to ~~[illegible]~~ send the Abolitionist to the persons whose names I now send you Thomas Bradford Mrs Sarah Vermeng Peter Gardener Nathaniel Townsend William Gale Miss Violet Barckley I have obligated myself that you get your money Thomas Bradford hath handed me the money for the Abolitionist and one Dollar on the Liberator I have been indeavoring to collect what is due on the paper I have some hopes of collecting all by the first of May except two or three Dollars Mr Vanderbelts Louisa Bradfords I have but little hopes of getting I want to settle up befor I leave here. I think of leaveing here in the spring where I shall go ~~on~~ is unknown to me but one thing is certain I shall not consent to go to Africa I have been here allmost three years indeavering to keep up a School among a multitude of enimies and I am sarry to say a great portion of them have been my own color they have been put up by the white people thinking this would be a means of driving me to Africa than they would say to me before I would stay here and be use so by my own color I would go to Africa, The Colored people begins to see now when it is most to late that they have been working against themselves Sir I will tell you in a word or two how I have been placed in Poughkeepsie the first year after I left Hyde Park I was engage by the Trustees of the Lancaster School for twenty Dollars a month part of this same was made up from among the Colored people this continued for one year I had a flourishing school throughout the year some of the white people thought the Colored Children had too much of the public money before my wages was cut down to ten Dollars a month board myself I have continued to teach on these termes ever since, I had save some money before I came to this place which have been the means of my continueing here as long as I have One thing wish mention the Colored Children is nombered with the whites and have been drewing money for that institution ever since the year 1844 yet they have been prohibited from any benefit untill two or three years back I have been informed by some of the white people in this Village according to the Chater the Colored Children hath a right to go to the Lancaster School. I understand from some of the trustees after ~~[illegible]~~ nex May they do not intend to assist in supporting a Colored School My object in mentioning the situation of the School is to get your advice If you think it would be injurious to the Cause should I leave here I will stay if I have to subsist on brad and ~~[illegible]~~ water. Do I understand you in the Paper I must pay for all communication respecting the Liberator

The postage prined on the out side of the Abolitionist the post master here saith it is wrong he saith it is in a pamphlet form and is sticked he charged 2½ C. on each I have been advised to write to you and have you address a letter to the post master some sad I had better write to the post master in Boston but I thought best to write to you and have you rectify what is wrong Mr Townsend wish to know whether he can get the posts six months of the Liberator I have not rec.d your thoughts I wrote to Mr Pat Bell but have not had an answer, I can not get any of the white people to take the paper or Abolitionist, Do you think you a an agent wito ~~out~~ visit here nex sommer I should be glad to have you come I believe it would make a great change in feeling amongo the white people to wards the Colored

I mention in my other letter the conversation I had with the president of the board of the university at Middletown Mr Laban Clark He was the P E over Mr when I lived there he came to Pa. Respect this call to solicit aid he put with a Methodist family where I visit allmost every day in the week after recognizing each other he asking me to set down on a set of set of him he then commced conversation about my goin to Africa and advised me to I then introduced of the A C S and asked him if that would biberate all the slaves at the South and send them to Africa he said they would send off just about enought to be out of danger here he stopped and busted out in a laugh I than answered and told him I believed he had been honest and told the truth I then introduced of your person he answered and said things could not be affected immediately and you had got the Colored people in to a scrape in Hartford he said the Colored people got so they would not give up the walk to the white people I hand him a paper I had in my pocket and shewed him a piece taken I believe from N Haven in illygence some one writing to Mr Whiting he read it and give me the paper and I said it was from Mr jocylen settle over the Colored people, The bet than wrang for diner and we parted and I have not sen him sence, I write this to let you know they trying to get me to Africa you are accused of turning my mind, a little more in my nex

I remain your humble servant

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Poughkeepsie Sep 21st 1835

Mr Garrison

Sir) I hope you will pardon me; for trespassing on your time, Were it not that I am laid under a necessity I would not pester your mind; with anything that might come from me at this time; particularly. I should have written to you; before had my health permitted I commenced a letter; to you four weeks ago; but being laid on a bed of affliction I were prevented from finishing of it. But thanks be to God; after being brought from a bed of death as it were; I am one more; permitted to set by my desks side to address a few lines to my beloved; friend; and the friend of the oppressed. Without any farther introduction, I commence on the subject intended in the commencement of this letter; About four weeks ago I Recd a Liberator and within due a bill amounting to thirteen Dollars & fifty cents saying I was so much in debt to E. H. Benson for the Liberator from Vol 1 No 27 to Vol 6 No 1. without one Dollars credit; also several of my subscribers Recd bills in like proportions, with myself also with a threat of discontinuing the Liberator if settled for by the of October which by the by is but a few days off, Sir I am at a loss how to account for this; As regards myself, I can say I have ever endeavored to do all I could to keep the Liberator from suffering by means, I ever considered it to be the providence of God making me an Agent for the Liberator. When remember Sir in what way I became acquainted with you I can not but think that the hand of God was in it, You will recollect sir the first time I spake to you was in Hartford And how came

to pass that I was made acquainted with there. A little short history sir I think will not be superfluous. Previous to my goin to Hartford I went from Poughkeepsie to N.Y. untill I went to my and heared you deliver your address to the free people of Color I know nothing of such a paper as the Liberator or such as man as yourself. Thanks be to God there for the first time I was permitted to hear the that I never expected to hear from dear you. I went to Hartford for the purpose of goining a school there under the care of the Episcopalians, Sodoubt you know the school was intended to educate Colored youth to send to Liberia, Here I had the pleasure to listen to you again. I there became acquainted with you by pressing my way through the crowd and introducing myself to you, After hearing you I at once abandoned all idea of goin to Africa, that too to the grief of the church to which I belong. You know Sir I immediately offered to become an Agent and became one of the most bitter opposers of the Liberian scheme and have remained so One, or two more words about the Liberator, you Sodoubt sir after I returned home I wrote to you and sent you ten Dollars before I had collected one cent from one subscriber after ward I sent as I collected it, And oftimes I have

I sent money when I had not collected any, I mention
these things not because I think you have
forgotten them, but because I should be shared with such
a debt grieves me. Did not I offer to pay for my Liberator
at the first Anniversary of the American Anti, S. Society
but you would not accept of it, at the same time I
had five Dollars from some of my subscribers besides presented
five Dollars in the behalf of the Liberator. Did not you
advertise when you commenced the Liberator all
who got few subscribers were entitle to the sixth besides
I have a letter from you telling me I was entitle to
every seventeenth cent on a dollars but I have never
taken that, In the same letter you informed me to take
all the names which were presented them that could pay
down the dollar them but them who could not I must wait
with them if they could within six months, Another mistake
I wis to correct. I paid to you in N Y last Spring seven Dollars
in the behalf of the subscribers in Po Keepsie, not directing
you wh to give credit to, but there have been several
Receipt sent to different subscribers and were sent to them who had
not paid one cent this year and in one instant one who had agreed to pay
one Dollar fifty the week before he had recd. the Receipt would not pay
the fifty cents after he recd. Receipt Nathl. Townsend I mean, Now Sir
there is two subscribers who may be considered as paying in advance
neither of them have Recd. a receipt, Austin & Co. and John A Coles
the money that I paid in N Y 4 Dollars was paid in their behalf
I wish the papers may be continued this year and I will try to settle

by the year is out, I wish you to write me send me the account of all the money that have been sent Lynn. I have received some money and hope to be able to send on the whole amount. Please to write me soon. Please to stop Roberts Ellins paper he hath been gone some time

I remain your unworthy servant

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