

Boston, Nov. 2, 1833. 3

My dear friend:

Here is the warrant for our national meeting. Show it among the genuine friends of our cause as extensively as possible, and urge them to be fully represented in the Convention.

My mind is crowded with pleasing remembrances of my late visit to Canterbury and Brooklyn. How deeply am I indebted to you, to your brother, and all the members of your venerable father's household! And above all, how infinite are my obligations to that almighty Being who has given me such dear friends, whose shield has protected ^{me} from the arrows of my bitter persecutors, and whose arm is made bare for my deliverance! Truly, "It is he that provideth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of troubles."

I am more and more impressed with the importance of "working whilst the day lasts." If "we all do fade as a leaf"—if we are "as the sparks that fly upwards"—if the billows of time are swiftly removing the sandy foundation of our life—what we intend to do for the captive, and for our country, and for the subjugation of a hostile world, must be done quickly. Happily, "our light afflictions are but for a moment."

Show a bold front at the annual meeting of your Society. I shall be with you in spirit, though not bodily.

Among your numerous friends, remember there is none more attached to you than

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

New-York, October 29, 1833.

DEAR SIR :

The friends of immediate emancipation, having met in the several cities of Boston, Providence, New-York and Philadelphia, have concurred in the resolution to call a convention to meet at the latter place on the 4th of December, to form a NATIONAL ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY. In accordance with the wishes of the friends in those places, we take the liberty to invite you, as a friend of the cause, to be present as a member of that convention.

The motives for organizing such a Society without delay, are briefly the following :

1. Union is strength. The advocates of the *immediate* abolition of slavery, though few compared with the whole mass of our population, and widely scattered, are many in the aggregate, and when combined will act with irresistible power.
2. The cause is urgent, and must be injured by unnecessary delay.
3. The public expectation is already excited, and the friends of our cause are to some extent committed to such a movement in the present year.
4. We have before us numerous examples of similar organizations, which, though feeble and obscure, and contemned by public opinion in the outset, have speedily risen to great influence, and been the means, under God, of immense benefit to the human race. Especially is this true of the National Anti-Slavery Society of Great Britain, and of the American Temperance Society.

But it is unnecessary for us to enlarge ; we trust, Sir, that you will duly appreciate the importance of this subject, and will permit no ordinary engagement to prevent you from attending this convention. Should you accept this invitation, on your arrival at Philadelphia you will please report yourself to Evan Lewis, No. 94 North Fifth-street, who will inform you of the time and place of the meeting.

Very respectfully,

Your friends and fellow laborers,

Arthur Tappan
Johna Leavitt
Elmas Wright jr.
Committee.

P. S. To avoid interruption in our meetings, we wish this to be considered confidential. Should it be inconvenient for you to attend, will you please to transmit to us an expression of your views on the subject, addressed to E. Wright, Jr., Cor. Sec. of the N. Y. City Anti-Slavery Society, New-York.



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