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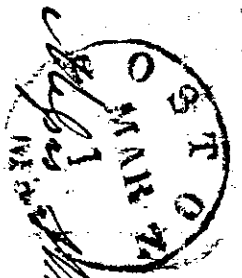
No. 1 Cornhill, Boston, Feb. 29 1849.

Dear Sir,

As a financial Agent of the Massachusetts Christian Society I take the liberty to lay before the Abolitionists of Abolitionism through you the following statement. Address to you because your known interest in the cause gives the fullest assurance that you will attend to the work with the promptitude and efficiency which the necessity of the case demands. Every member of your Society is so engaged that you cannot spare the requisite time to do what you could occasionally and as by putting this letter in the hands of some of our friends who have the kind as well as the disposition to look to it — and by obtaining of them a promise to comply with the propositions of the letter.

You are already apprised that at the late Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Christian Society there remained of the old debt the sum of \$9000. unrepaid for although something considerable had been previously paid. The Society came to that meeting greatly embarrassed, and on the very verge of bankruptcy. The Executive Committee had gone to the extent of their ability, and they have not what more could be done. The debt was not theirs. We had contracted before some of them became members of the Committee, and none of them had any more interest or concern in it than you or any other Abolitionist. It ought to have been paid by the people, for it was contracted in their service, and under their directions; but the people had not paid it, and the Committee, though legally bound, could not pay it, and they asked the Meeting if the Abolitionists of Massachusetts would raise them, by leaving the burden on their shoulders, or if they would find some way to relieve them of it. The answer was at this juncture that twenty more came forward and gave their notes to the Society for \$450. each thus covering the whole debt. This sum they were generally to collect, or they were to pay it on the maturity of their notes; and out of their own pockets. Each of the Agents of the Society, though for purely inactive to pay anything like such as I have given this note for the amount named on condition that certain parts of the State should be set apart to him wherein to settle at his share.

So we were obliged to ~~Yak~~ Yarmouth County and Worcester.



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short time, and having the fullest confidence that the friends of the
Cause in these sections would never see me pay this sum without man-
fully assisting in it, I wrote the Stagations upon me. ^{Although, with me,}

The debt was undertaken to start the money through, with me,
I was willing to bear a share of it: but I really cannot pay the
sum of \$450. nor do I believe you or any other Abolitionist would
wish me to do it. By the direction of the Financial Committee, therefore,
I enclose you this Circular, to request you to advise and forward to me
as soon as practicable a sum equal to my proportion for that salary
not given this fall in your town. This allowing for the usual leakage
in such an arrangement, will meet the share of liability which, in your
name I have ventured to assume, and discharge your last duty re-
specting the debt of the Massachusetts Abolitionist Society, and should there
be more than \$450 needed the balance will be applied to pay the current
expenses of the Society. The Society has this year by the Collections which
it has made paid its expenses without running in debt a dollar, and its
legal obligations are all discharged of as I have stated above. I therefore
come to you with the last call on a account of Anti Slavery debt, al-
though I have no claim upon you except that which grows out of
fact that I have relied upon you, I believe you will gladly make the
small sum of 45 dollars for Abolitionism and thus, in the
rejoicing over our Society free from debt, secure to yourselves the dis-
reputation of feeling that you did your duty in the cancellation of a
wholenote.

Remember me best from you as soon as possible
Direct to me at 7 Cornhill, Boston and of J. W. Alden
Respectfully Yours

Wm. L. Garrison

P.S. I intended to have visited every town in
my district, but will health & sickness has prevented
it. I have now a very sick child. I shall endeavor
to get Abolitionism before the annual meetings; but
I hope you will not wait for that. Raise the money
before I come & my letters will do as much
more good. Yours
Wm. L.

A. B. Your family are well.