

Philad<sup>a</sup> December 31<sup>st</sup> 1830

Dear Sir -

I am extremely <sup>happy to</sup> hear ~~by your letter~~ of the ~~to~~ that you are about establishing a Paper in Boston. I hope your efforts may not be in vain; and may the "Liberator" be the means of rousing, more and more, the odious system of Slavery, and of raising up friends to the oppressed and degraded People of Colour, throughout the Union. Whilst so much is doing in the world, to ameliorate the condition of ~~Man~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Human~~ <sup>Human</sup> kind, and the spirit of Freedom <sup>is</sup> marching with rapid strides, and causing ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Planters~~ <sup>Planters</sup> to tremble; may America awake from the apathy in which she has long slumbered. She must, sooner or later, fall in with the irresistible current. Great efforts are now making in the cause of Liberty: <sup>the</sup> <sup>N</sup> People are becoming more interested and determined on the subject.

Although the Southern States have enacted severe Laws, against the Free People of Colour, they will find it impossible to go in opposition to the spirit of the Times. We have only to hope, that many such Philanthropists, as Mr. Lundy and yourself, will come forward, to plead our cause: we can never feel sufficiently grateful to <sup>our</sup> that long tried, faithful and zealous friend Mr. Lundy. He has indeed laboured for us, through evil and good report, and under many disadvantages & hardships; may he hereafter receive his Rewards.

I learn with the greatest regret, that so much prejudice exists in the Eastern States; but may the "Standard" you are about to erect in the Eyes of the Nation" be the means of dispersing those clouds of Error, and of bringing many Advocates to our Cause.

I would have answered your Letter earlier, had it not been <sup>being</sup> in the first place, to a multiplicity of business, which prevented me from soliciting Subscribers to your Paper. I herewith enclose you the Money for twenty ~~five~~ <sup>seven</sup> subscribers, and their names and places of abode, you will also herewith receive. I would request you to send on a few Extra Papers, that I may hand them to my friends.

Wishing you every success, and that the Liberator may have an extensive Patronage

I remain with the greatest Respect,  
Yours —  
James Forten

P.S. I think if Mr. Joseph Cassey will act as your Agent that he will obtain many subscribers to your Paper.

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