

Portland, April 18. 1850

To
Wendell Phillips Esq^r.

Dear Sir,

The Portland Anti-Slavery Society propose to hold meetings on Sunday, during the summer, at such intervals as may be thought best, and it is with pleasure that I comply with the wishes of the board by extending to you an earnest invitation to be with us and address our citizens on the second Sunday in May. The use of a commodious hall has been secured, and if we are so fortunate as to obtain the services of such speakers as we desire, we trust an influence may be exerted which will be felt throughout the whole community.

We propose to pay our lecturers travelling expenses, and as much more, as our limited means will permit, probably about five dollars.---

And now sir, allow me to add, that should you decide to lecture for us, which we most earnestly hope you will do, and find the day above named ill-suited to your convenience, any other Sunday in the month, will answer quite as well for us. We shall

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Very respectfully,

Yours for freedom.

Elizabeth Montfort.
Cor. Sec.

Mr. C. C. Burleigh,

Dear Sir,

Having heard accidentally, of your being in the city, the Portland Anti-Slavery Society, feel very desirous to secure your services for a lecture, and in compliance with the directions of the Board, I embrace the earliest opportunity to extend to you, a cordial invitation, to address our citizens, on Friday, or Saturday evening, provided a house can be obtained, of which we have little doubt. ---

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P.S. The bearer will await your answer, or should he fail of seeing you, a line left with Mr. Foster, at the advertiser's office, will receive immediate attention.

E. M. ---

April 25.

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Dear Sir,

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Dear Sir, —

Your favor of the 29th ult. ~~came to hand~~ ~~has~~ was duly received. The friends here have been made acquainted with the contents of yr. note, and all agree, as to the subject of your proposed lecture, viz: 'Christian Non Resistance.' Your friend Dr. Grandin, will be happy to entertain you, during your sojourn in our city, and will be in waiting at the depot, on the morning or rather noon of the day he meet, in my last, — Should we hear nothing unfavorable from you, we may I presume, depend upon seeing you, without further correspondence. —

Yours most truly,

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(Adin Ballou)

Dear Sir,

The Portland Anti-Slavery Society, invite you to address them, on Thursday evening, Jan. 30th 1851, in place of Chas. Sumner Esq., who has declined. —

Very truly yours

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Portland, Sept. 14th '50 —

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Portland, Nov. 18. 1850 —

To Edmund Quincy Esqr.

Dear Sir,

It has been suggested to me, that I had better
drop you a line, reminding you that the time of your proposed visit to
our city, is close at hand. The second lecture of the course, (and the one
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Some of the Anti-Slavery friends, will await you at the Railroad
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To George Thompson Esq.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed to address a line to you, requesting you if possible to favor our A. S. Lyceum, with two lectures; those of your proposed course, relating to the Reform movement of Great Britain, would be highly interesting to the friends here, unless you should prefer speaking on some other subject. At present, the fifth, and ninth, lectures of the series, occurring, Dec 12./50 and Jan 9/51 are unprovided with speakers: could you so arrange your engagements, as to supply either, or both of those vacancies, it would, I assure you, be a matter of satisfaction to many, who are impatient to listen to their transatlantic co-laborer. Please favor us with a line, at your earliest convenience, as it is necessary for us to announce our speakers, some time prior to the lecture.

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(In the P.A.S. Society)

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Portland, Tuesday Dec. 24th '50__

My dear friend,

Permit me to remind you, that your lecture before the Anti-Slavery Lyceum, of this city, occurs on Thursday evening of this week. ___ Some of the friends will meet you at the R ail Road Station. ___

Very truly your's,

Elizabeth Montfort.

(Cor. Sec.)

Rev. Adin Ballou. _

Portland, Jan 8, 1851 __

My dear Mr. Garrison,

I learned from Mr. Wallcut's note, that you were under the impression, that no time had been specified, for your lecture in Portland. I think you will find on reference to my letter of the 9th July, that Thursday evening, Jan 16, was the time suggested by us for your visit to our city. - I should have written to you immediately, on the reception of Mr. W's note, had not Mr. Ballou kindly offered to name to you, the evening reserved for your lecture. Hoping that no inconvenience will result to yourself, from this slight misapprehension,

I remain very truly your friend,

E. Montfort, Cor. Sec.

P.S. Please present my thanks to Mr. Wallcut, for his polite note of apology, and say to him, that affairs were so ordered, that we suffered no inconvenience ___

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Portland, Jan. 15, 1851

Mr. C. L. Remond,

Esteemed friend,

Permit me to remind you, that your lecture in Portland, before the Anti-Slavery Lyceum, occurs on Thursday evening, of next week, (Jan. 23rd) — Several of your friends desire their regards, and await your visit, with much interest. — Should circumstances beyond your control, prevent your meeting your engagement, you will of course, give us due notice. —

In great haste I remain,

Very truly your friend,

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Mr. Cha's. Lenox Remond,

Portland, Jan. 19th, 1851

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 13th inst., was not taken from the office, until yesterday P. M.

On last Thursday evening, your name was announced as the speaker for the 23^d inst.; but on receipt of your favor, we applied to Rev. Mr. Peck, (who was to succeed you) to speak on the 23^d inst.; he informed us that his arrangements were such, that he could not comply, and our notice being so short, we are unable to procure a speaker for that occasion.

We still hope to receive a discourse from you, on next Thursday evening, otherwise the audience will be disappointed.

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Portland, Feb. 1/51.

Rev. Theodore Parker,

Dear Sir,

I am instructed, by the Board of the Portland, Anti-Slavery Society, to repeat the invitation, extended to you last summer, viz: to deliver the fourteenth lecture, before the Anti-Slavery Lyceum, on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 13th/51. — In your favor of July 20th which now lies before me, you say 'you do not feel at liberty to promise a lecture' but from a subsequent conversation between yourself and Dr. Grandin, (as reported by him,) we have entertained strong hopes of your acceptance of our invitation, which we trust you will not disappoint. — If you can by any means make arrangements to speak in Portland, on that evening, (or if not on that evening, on some Thursday evening, during the present month,) you will confer a favor on the Society and gratify many, who are desirous of listening to you once more.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth Montfort, (Cor. Sec.)

Portland, Feb. 16/51.

Mr. Cutler,

I have just learned from reference to my lecture list, that next Thursday evening, rightfully belongs to you, being the 20th of February. — Spring is a whole week nearer, than I had imagined, hence my mistake, concerning the time of your lecture, and 'Par consequent,' my delay, in reminding you of its approach, which you will please excuse.

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A very strong desire has been expressed, on the part of your numerous friends, to have you address them once more, and could you, by any means, so arrange your engagements, as to lecture here on the 6th, 13th or 20th of March, (or on any other evening, during the month,) it would I assure you, be a matter of satisfaction, to the public generally.

Will you favor us with an early reply, stating your terms etc.

Allow me respectfully to urge your acceptance of the invitation of the Society, and believe me,

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Allow me respectfully to urge your acceptance of the invitation of the Society, and believe me,

Very truly your's,

Elizabeth Montfort,

(Cor. Sec. P.A.S. Society.)

Portland, Feb 17th 51

My dear Madam,

I am instructed by the Board of
the Portland
Anti-Slavery Society, to invite you to visit our city, and deliver
a lecture, before our Anti-Slavery Lyceum.

Should you consent to accept the invitation of the So-
ciety, we would name Thursday Feb. 27th and Thursday March 6th,
as the two evenings, best suited to our convenience; tho' we would
by no means restrict you, to those particular evenings, should they be
less convenient, than a somewhat later date. —

Will you favor us with an early reply, stating
your terms, and the subject of your lecture, (should you decide to favor us.)

Very truly and respectfully,

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Portland, March 5, 1851 -

Dear Sir,

Your esteemed favor is this moment received, and in compliance with your request, we will name Thursday evening, March 13th, as the evening for your proposed lecture, before the Anti-Slavery Lyceum.

Some of the friends will await you at the railroad station, on the arrival of the morning train.

Respectfully yours,

E. Montfort,

Hon. J. P. Hale.

Portland, March 12, 1851 -

Dear Sir,

I am instructed to address you once more, concerning the Lyceum lectures. Mr. Thompson, during his late visit to Portland, expressed a wish to address us again, after his return from New York, and promised to do so, should he not leave immediately for home. We are now very much in need of his services; the people are anxious to hear him again, and if he can deliver one, two, or more lectures, soon, 'twill be a matter of general satisfaction.

We shall we think, be able to pay at least twenty five dollars, for each lecture.

Will you oblige us, by arranging matters with Mr. Thompson, and forwarding his reply, at your earliest convenience.

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Portland, March 15th 1851

My dear Sir,

Your letter of the 5th inst. to General Fessenden, was laid before the Board (of the Anti-Slavery Society) according to your request.

We very much regretted your inability to visit Portland, on one of the evenings specified in your note, of March 2nd, your lecture having been widely advertised, previous to the reception of the General's letter. — We still hope however to receive the lecture, and would name Thursday evening, March 27th, as the most convenient to ourselves; should you be unable to come at that time, we shall of course, be happy to avail ourselves of your services, on any other evening you may name, either previous or subsequent.

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Dear Sir, — I am instructed by the Board of the Portland, Anti-Slavery, Society, to invite you to deliver the closing lecture, before the Anti-Slavery Lyceum, on Thursday evening, April 3^d.

Please favor us with an early reply, as we desire to announce our next speaker, on the occasion of Mr. Hale's lecture, (next Thursday eve[^])

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Wednesday noon.

Hon. John P. Hale.

Your note of Monday, is this moment received, notwithstanding our daily calls at the Office. — Thursday evening the 27th, is our chosen time, as I suggested in my note of the 15th inst.

As regards the subject of your lecture, permit me to assure you, that it will be equally as acceptable, as tho' it were confined exclusively to Anti-Slavery, as we desire some little variety
Yours for freedom,
Elizabeth Montfort.

Portland, March 29th, 1851 —

Hon. Horace Mann,

My Dear Sir,

Your note of the 26th, was duly received. We much regret your inability to be in Portland, on the evening named, but shall be equally happy to avail ourselves of your services, (if we may,) on any other evening, during the next three weeks, this lecture being the last of the season. —

Permit me respectfully to urge your acceptance of the invitation, on behalf of many, and believe me,

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I have read your pamphlets, with an intense degree of interest, and shall signify my appreciation, of the noble sentiments, therein so fearlessly expressed, in the one way open to me, viz. By obtaining for them as many readers as possible.

With much regard, I am

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P.S. Your note of the 3^d inst. is just received. We regret that we are not to have the pleasure of listening to you this spring, but hope we shall be so fortunate, as to secure your services in Portland, on behalf of freedom, during a future season.

Yours &c.

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E. M -

Portland, April 14th 1851

My Dear Sir,

I am instructed to invite you to address the Anti-Slavery Lyceum of Portland, upon the 'Fugitive Slave Bill.'

Permit me most respectfully to urge your acceptance of the invitation, as this lecture is to be the last of the season, and our committee are very desirous to secure the services of one who they feel assured will utter words, that shall long retain a place in the hearts of his listeners.

Will you favor us with an early reply, stating whether you can lecture in Portland this spring, and how soon?

Very truly and respectfully yours
Elizabeth Montfort,
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Hon. Robert Rantoul, Jr.

Portland, May 14th 1851

My Dear Sir,

It is with pleasure that I invite you, on behalf of the Portland Anti-Slavery Society, to deliver the closing lecture, before the Anti-Slavery Lyceum, on some evening during the present or coming week.

The committee specified a lecture, which they much desired to hear, but I have forgotten the precise subject; it related however to the demoralizing influence of money.

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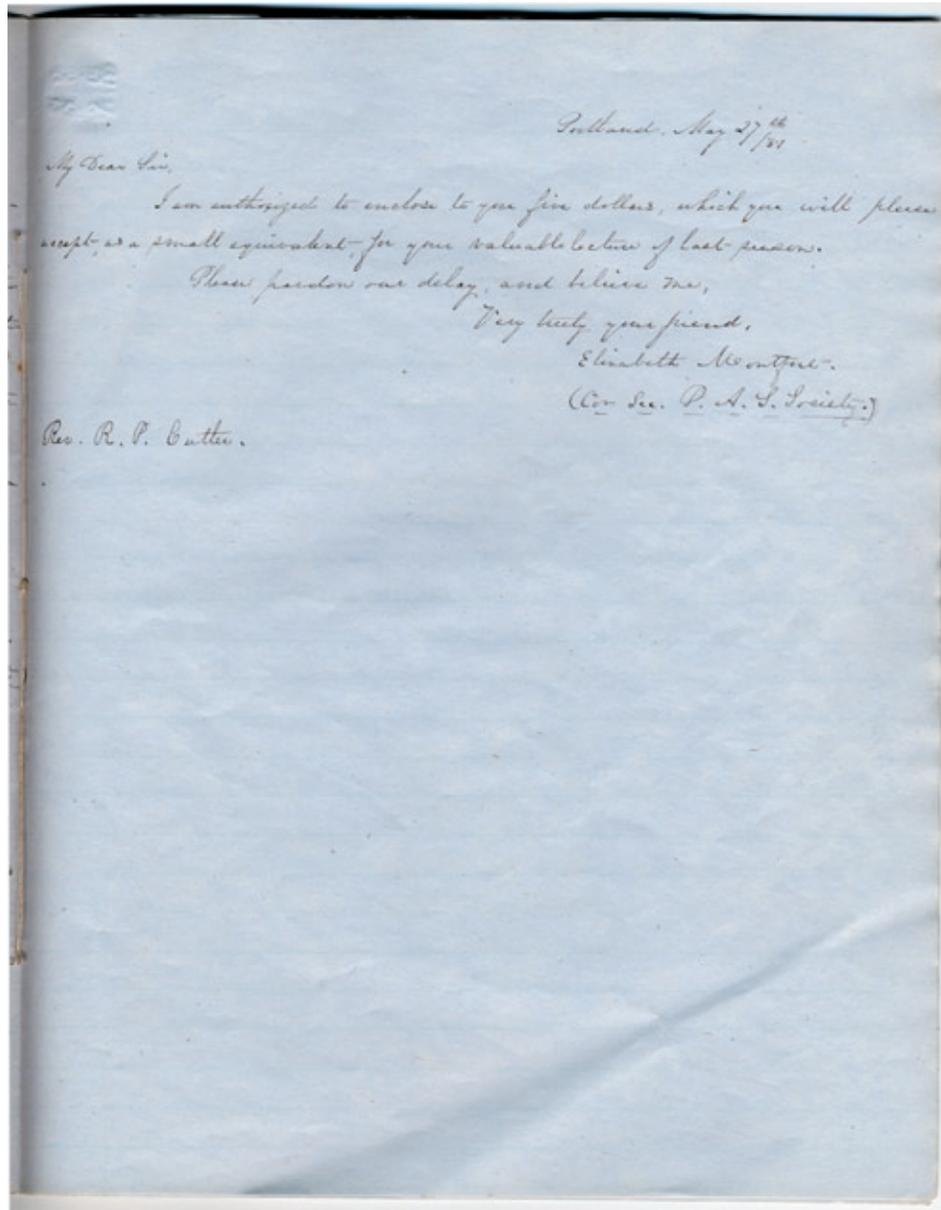
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Rev. Henry Giles



Portland. May 27th/51

My Dear Sir,

I am authorized to enclose to you five dollars, which you will please accept as a small equivalent, for your valuable lecture of last season.

Please pardon our delay, and believe me,

Very truly your friend,
Elizabeth Montfort.

(Cor Sec. P. A. S. Society.)

Rev. R. P. Cutler .

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