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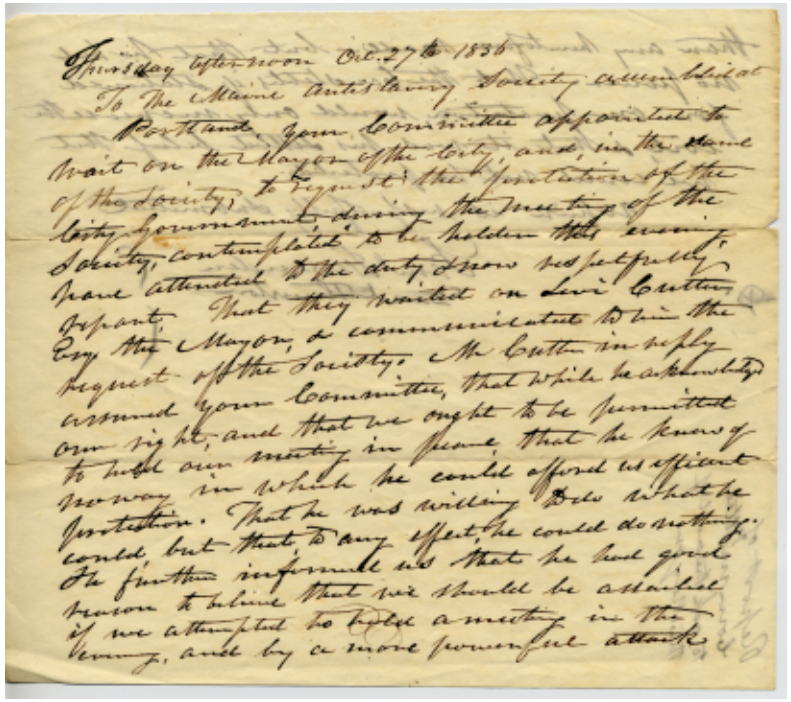

Thursday afternoon Oct. 27th 1836

To the Maine Antislavery Society Assembled at Portland.

Your Committee appointed to wait on the Mayor of the City , and, in the name of the Society, to request the protection of the City Government during the meeting of the Society, contemplated to be holden this evening have attended to the duty and now respectfully report that they waited on Levi Cutter Esq. the Mayor, & communicated to him the request of the Society. Mr. Cutter in reply assured your Committee, that while he acknowledged our right, and that we ought to be permitted to hold our meeting in peace, that he knew of no way in which he could afford us efficent protection. That he was willing to do what he could, but that to any effect, he could do nothing. He further informed us that he had good reason to believe that we should be assailed if we attempted to hold a meeting in the evening, and a more powerful attack

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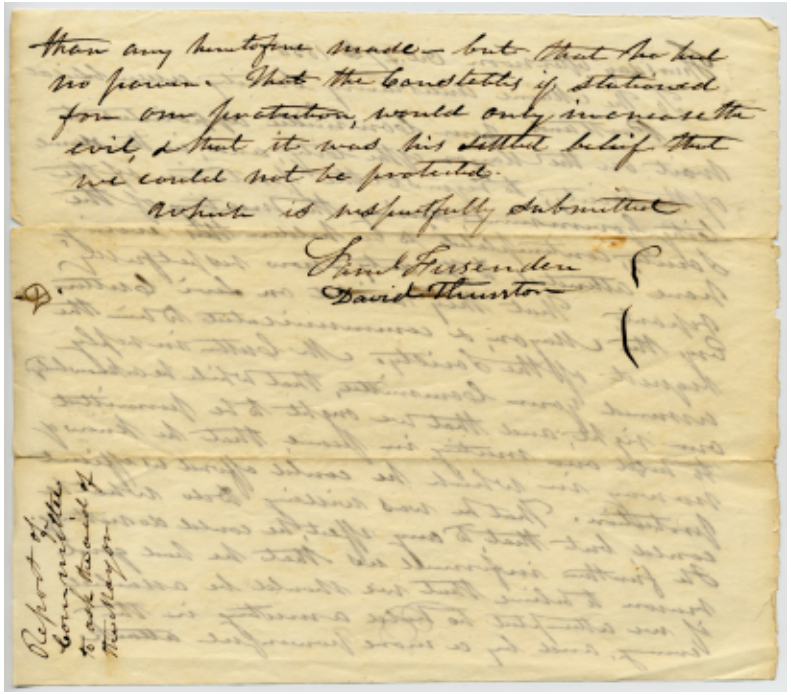

than any heretofore made—but that he had no power. That the Constable if stationed for our protection, would only increase the evil, & that it was his settled belief that we could not be protected.

Which is respectfully submitted

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