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SLAVERY COLLECTION

THE SLAVERY AND ABOLITION COLLECTIONS

Historically, slavery and abolition in the United States represent opposite sides of the same shield. They were both intimately connected with the expansion of Europe, the rise of modern capitalism—and each other. When the New World was discovered, its limitless land areas cried for exploitation. This, of course, required enormous capital and labor.

In attempting to answer the first question posed by the Americas, three sources were tapped: the labor of the American Indian, the imported African, and the European immigrant. Contrary to popular conception, kidnapping, indenture, and slave purchase were practiced by the traders in acquiring laborers from Europe as well as from Africa. Prof. Lorenzo J. Greene and others have discovered cases where red, white, and black slaves were sold from the same American auction block. However, color, availability, and the social sanctions made inevitable the triumph of *Negro* slavery over these two others.

One answer to the problem of capital was furnished by the huge profits reaped from the slave trade. The studies of Wilson Williams and Eric Williams of Howard University are documenting the large degree to which the rise of modern capitalism in Western Europe was dependent upon the traffic in human flesh. Piracy and the seizure of the Inca and Aztec treasures in Mexico and Peru were related sources.

In the United States economics and climate gave American Negro slavery, in time, a sectional character. Even within these limits, the concentration was so definite that by 1860 it could be said that 10 per cent of the families owned 90 per cent of the slaves. As with all economic systems there were a political superstructure and a crown of ideology which made what was profitable, right by law, custom, and ethics. One absurd point in the pro-slavery argument was that the snake in the Garden of Eden was indeed a man of color. My own studies call attention to vast abuse and ridicule against the Negro which filled the ante-bellum press.

Naturally, in every slave trading country, there arose an abolition movement. Among groups whose economic interests were not threatened (in some instances aided) by the anti-slavery effort, such a spirit flourished. Moreover, apart from the economic orienta-

tion, Eighteenth Century rationalism and the Rights of Man theory of the French and American Revolutions as well as the original Christian ethic gave impetus to the idea of the equality and brotherhood of all men. Thus, in France, Gregoire, Lafayette, Condorcet and Brissot de Warville were leaders of the "Friends of the Blacks." In England Thomas Clarkson,* William Wilberforce,* and Granville Sharp* headed a similar crusade.

In America, as slavery became definitely Southern, the anti-slavery movement, in a converse manner, became Northern. By the third decade of the Nineteenth Century, the early, persuasive, emancipationist movement in the South was dead. And in the North, the effort under the leadership of Garrison,* Theodore Weld,* Frederick Douglass,* the Tappan brothers and the Grimke* sisters became positive and aggressive.

Historians are just now giving two elements their rightful place in this history: (1) the part played by the slave revolts and (2) the part the Negroes themselves played in the formal abolition movement. Thus, the Haitian Revolution, described elsewhere, was one of the few permanently successful slave revolutions in the history of the world. Gabriel Prosser, Denmark Vesey,* and Nat Turner,* American Negro insurrectionists, were aware of this tradition. Again, such periodicals as *Freedom's Journal*, *Walker's Appeal* and *Frederick Douglass' Paper* and such leaders as Douglass,* Ward,* Pennington,* Garnet* were influential in the "Underground Railroad" from slavery to freedom and in the abolition conventions of the day. As every one knows, the final issue was decided by the American Civil War.

In the sense that anti-Negro propaganda, segregation, determination and exploitation have an historic base, modern equalitarians and democrats may be considered the historical children of the abolitionists.

The two modest sets of documents here include slave sales, passes, certificates of registry, manumission papers, several wills and speeches. In addition, there are letters relating to the well-known Amistad mutiny and other slave cases which got into the courts.

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- 1700 P. W. WYNKOOP, Kinderhook, N. Y. To Lawrence VAN ALLEN.
Oct. 24 Memorandum gives value of slaves.
A.D.S. 1 p. 8 x 6½. MS. Slavery W. 3.
John Vosburgh signs as "subscriber." [43]
- 1763 Robert SANDERS, Boston, Mass. To BLODGET & TAILER.
Dec. 12 Bill of sale "for £238.1.7 for groceries etc., including a Negro by name of Scipio for £70 from Albany, N. Y."
D.S. 1 p. 8 x 6½. MS. Slavery S. 4. [44]
- 1764 John ERNEST, New York. To Francis MOORE.
June 2 Bill of sale for a slave woman called "Bett," for £95.
D.S. 1 p. 8 x 6½. MS. Slavery E. 1.
Witnesses: John Sebring, C. Wynkoop. [45]
- 1765 Elizabeth CURTIS, St. Mary's County, [Maryland]. To John EDEN and his heirs.
Jan. 16 Note for purchase and delivery of a Negro woman named Elizabeth Sezabo; price £9.19.11.
In hand of John Millsy. Signed by another hand: Elizabeth [her "S" mark] Curtis. 1 p. 8 x 4½. MS. Slavery S. 8.
Witness, John Millsy.
[Presumably Elizabeth Sezabo bought her freedom and became Elizabeth Curtis]. [46]
- 1769 Captain Thomas DORING [also written "DORAN"].
July 3 Receipt for £24 duty on six slaves, shipped by Philip Livingston from Jamaica, B. W. I., to John Jauncey. New York.
D.S. 1 p. 6 x 7½. MS. Slavery D. 1.
Testified to by Elias Desbrosses
- 1769 Barent VOSBURGH, Kinderhook, County of Albany. To his heirs.
Dec. 30 Last will and testament, bequeathing slaves and other property.
D.S. 4 pp. 12½ x 7½. MS. Slavery V. 1.
Witnesses: David Van Schaack, Isaak Van Vleck, Catherine Van Schaack. [48]

1778 Benj[amin] HERNDON. To Capt. Cha[rle]s
Nov. 7 HAMLIN.

Concerns an exchange of slaves; shows some consideration of danger from breaking their marital ties; exchange difference to be paid in Continental money. "I have thought that Enter & Jeney & her Children a Bout Equal, to Daniel & Delphey & her Children. But have Considered that as Prince has had Jean for a wife it may Case Disputes."

A.L.S. 1 p. 8¼ x 8¾. MS. Slavery H. 2. [49]

1782 Arch[ibald] PATISON, Cambridge, Mass. To
Nov. 8 Samuel DAVIDSON, Annapolis, Md.

Refers to sale of boats in Baltimore. P.S.: "Inclosed you have a note & receipt for Negro man, sold to Dr. Murray, be pleased to receive payment & if possible vest money in Bank Notes as I want to send to the Northward."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 9¾ x 7¾. MS. Slavery P. 3. [50]

1783 Th[omas] PETERS. To W[illia]m TAYLOR.
Nov. 10 Receipt for sale "of Negro boy named Jack for one Hundred and twenty pounds in full."

D.S. 1 p. 4¼ x 9¼. MS. Slavery P. 6.

Under Peters' signature is written: "Mr. Peters would execute a Bill of sale but Knows not the form of such a report, is all I had from Mr. Spear." [51]

1788 Moore FAUNTLEROY. To Edward EIDSON.
Jan. 1 Note credits £50, price of Negroes bought by Eidson at the sale at Nanzattico, Va.; credit given [by Fauntleroy] on back of Col. Turner's bond.

A.D.S. 1 p. 7¾ x 3¼. MS. Slavery F. 1. [52]

1789 Jonas, Mildred, Samuel ADAMS, Westford,
Nov. 30 Mass. To Ebenczer BARRETT.

Receipt for £5 "in full of his part for a demand I had on his father's Estate, for the lose of a Negro boy."

D.S. 1 p. 3 x 4¼. Slavery A. 1. [53]

1792 Joseph and Sarah BOSWELL. To Michael
Mar. 31 STONE.

Receipt for transfer and delivery of one Negro woman named Liddia and child named Horatio, price £40. In hand of "Roby." D.S. by Joseph Boswell and Sarah Boswell with her mark. 1 p. 11 x 7¼. MS. Slavery B. 4.

Witness, "Roby." [54]

1798 Thaddeus KOSCIUSZLIO.¹
May 5 [Copy of the Will] "I, Thaddeus Kosciuszlio, being

just on my departure from America do hereby declare and direct that, should I make no other testamentary disposition of my property in the United States, I hereby authorize my friend, Thomas Jefferson, to employ the whole thereof in purchasing Negroes from among his own or any others, and giving them an education, in trades or otherwise, and in having them instructed, for their new condition, in the duties of morality which may make them good neighbors, good fathers or mothers, husbands or wives, and in their duties as citizens, teaching them to be defenders of their liberty and country, and of the good order of society, and in whatever may make them happy and useful, and I make the said Thomas Jefferson my executor of this. T. Kosciuszlio. Fifth day of May, 1798."

Positive photograph of a printed copy, framed with a bronze medallion of Jefferson and steel engravings, 6 x 5, of Jefferson and of Kosciuszko. Slavery K. 1. [Enclosure with entry 102]. [55]

1798 E. H. SMITH, New York City. To Rev. Jeremy
May 11 BELKNAP, corresponding secretary, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Mass.

Accepts membership and encloses a specimen of the writing of the Pholeys [an African nation].

A.L.S. 1 p. 10 x 8¼. MS. Slavery S. 6. [56]

1798 Jeremiah VAN RENSSELAER, New York.
To D. & R. Estate.

Memorandum for a bill of sale for cattle, wheat, and

1. See entry 102 for explanation of this spelling of Kosciuszko.

- a Negro called Prince, valued at £50; itemized total £116.12.0.
A.D. 2 pp. 8 x 12½. MS. Slavery V. 6. [57]
- 1802
Oct. 18 Thomas [HAMILTON?], clerk quarter sessions, Court of General Sessions Westmoreland County, Pa. To James LYNCH.
Certified copy of original certificate of registry for three Negro slaves, Jude, 25 years old, Dinah, 6, Peter, 3, as property of James Lynch, Nov. 25, 1782.
A.D.S. Sealed. 1 p. 12½ x 7½, torn. MS. Slavery L. 4. [58]
- 1802
Nov. 2 Christian KEMP. To A. RICHARDSON Estate, Montgomery County, Alabama.
Appraisal of lands and Negroes; one man Scoggin, valued £15 per annum, as he will be free Nov. 18, 1803; three women and five children valued at £50 per annum.
A.D.S. 1 p. 12½ x 7½. MS. Slavery R. 4.
Witness, Wm. Harding.
Receipted: "Comt & charge 45/ Rec payment C. Kemp." [59]
- 1806
Mar. 31 David BRYAN, ~~Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County [New York]~~. To G. McCARTY.
3 Bills of sale for slave, Moses Jackson, aged 40, until he reaches age of 28, \$250
D.S. by Bryan and McCarty. 1. p. 9 x 7¼. MS. Slavery B. 6.
Witness, J. S. Sind. [60]
- 1807
Nov. 17 Hugh PEEBLES. To F. M. COWN.
"...claiming the future Service of a Negro boy, 9 months & eight days who was born to a slave and ~~noted~~ deposited with the town clerk of Troy, N. Y."
A.D.S. 1 p. 6 x 7¼. MS. Slavery P. 5. [61]
- 1809
June 19 Joshua L'HOMMEDIEU, Norwich [Conn.] To Captain Noah SCOVELL, Vettapouge.
Concerns a black woman secured for the Captain; she has "unexceptionable" recommendations as "excellent help"; Mr. Goddence says her child is "no detriment to her."
A.L.S. 1 p. 12½ x 7¼. MS. Slavery L. 2. [62]

- 1811
Oct. 28 Abm [Abraham] VAN VLECK, New York. To Barent VAN DERPOOL.
Receipt "for articles, cattle, silver, furniture, including one wench named Eve & child, bought at Sheriff's sale and left in Van Derpool's care by Van Vleck, for the total of 236.18½, the woman and child Mary, sold for 156."
A.D.S. 1 p. 9 x 8 MS. Slavery V. 5. [63]
- 1811
Dec. 11 Barent VAN DERPOOL, New York. To Abraham VAN DERPOOL.
Memorandum lists goods, including the slave Eve and her daughter Mary, left by Van Vleck with Van Derpool; ten shillings yearly to be paid for usage of all.
A.D.S. 1 p. 12½ x 7½. MS. Slavery V. 4. [64]
- 1811
Dec. 11 Abraham T. VAN VLECK, Washington, D. C. To John KING, sheriff for the District of Columbia.
Receipt for a bill of sale for divers itemized articles of the personal property of Barent Van Derpool.
D.S. by Van Vleck and King. 1 p. 14 x 8. MS. Slavery V. 3. [65]
- 1812
Mar. 21 James VAN DERPOOL, executor of will of Barent Vosburgh, and William THOMAS.
Agreement for lease of a slave boy, formerly the property of Barent Vosburgh, for 2 yrs. 6 mos., until boy reaches age of 21, for \$100.
D.S. by Van Derpool and Thomas. 4 pp. 13 x 8. MS. Slavery V. 2.
Witness, Sam B. Ludlow. [66]
- 1813
May 6 Peter GANSEVOORT, Albany, N. Y. To P. RIVERY, New Orleans, La.
Authorizes sale for \$400 cash of a slave, from the estate of "my father the late General Gansevoort."
L.S. 1 p. 12½ x 7½. MS. Slavery G. 3. [67]
- 1817
April 21 Jacob RADCLIFF, Mayor of New York, and Richard RIKER, recorder. To a Negro slave, GEORGE, property of John DELANEY.

Certificate of manumission.
Facsimile of original at Register's Office Library,
No. 2 of Manumissions, page 62, W. T. Slocum, register.
1 p. 8½ x 8½. Slavery C. 5. [68]

1823
Feb. 13 Charles HARRIS, jurist, Glyen County, Ga. To
J. P. DE VILLERS, Savannah, Ga.
Draft of a will for Captain Christopher Da Bignem,
made from the Captain's notes; provides for Marie
Theresa, the Captain's favorite slave, and for Mar-
guerite, presumably their daughter.
A.D.S. 3 pp. 13½ x 7½. MS. Slavery H. 4. [69]

1824
July 27 James H. HOOD, Fairfax County, Va. To his
heirs.
Will and testament; contains a two-page list of
slaves, their names, and ages.
D.S. 8 pp. 12¼ x 8. MS. Slavery H. 1. [70]

1825
Mar. 11 William JOURDAN, in Washington gaol. Wash-
ington, D. C. To Henry HUNTT.
Encloses \$40 for medical attendance in gaol.
A.D.S. 1 p. 4 x 6. MS. Slavery R. 2.
Receipted: "Received payment from Finch Ring-
gold, marshal, Augt 23rd, 1825. Henry Hunt." [71]

1825
April 13 Jan SMITH. To John SAUNDERS.
Receipt for \$2, one quarter's schooling for colored
boy and girl, Har and Harriet.
A.D.S. 1 p. 2 x 7½. MS. Slavery S. 3. [72]

1825
June 26 M. TAYLOR. To BROWN & Co.
"... please send me 10 Coarse Check Handkerchiefs
for black people in harvest."
A.L.S. 1 p. 2¼ x 7½. MS. Slavery T. 1. [73]

1826
Feb. 2 Ch[arles] A. OLNEY. To John SAUNDERS.
Receipt for \$2, quarterly tuition for two small col-
ored boys, James and Harry, balance due \$1.
A.D.S. 1 p. 5½ x 6½. MS. Slavery S. 5. [74]

1833
Jan. 24 Elisha W. WILLIAMZ, Montgomery, Ala. To
F. P. BLAIR, editor, the *Globe*, Washington, D. C.
Wishes to advertise an escaped slave.
A.L.S. 1 p. 10 x 8. MS. Slavery W. 2. [75]

1833
Mar. 14 B. H. BUCKNER, Ascola, London County, Va.
To W. LOYD, innkeeper by the Market House, Wash-
ington, D. C.
"Understand from several persons that boy George,
who has a wife at yr house was lurking about Town.
I will give you seventy five dollars to catch and put ad
boy in Jail so that I get him."
A.L.S. 1 p. 7½ x 6½. MS. Slavery B. 5. [76]

1837
July 25 Geo. D. PARNHAM, New York. To William
B. STONE, Port Tobacco, [Md.]
Reports cruel treatment of night patrol to slave Juba;
requests court procedure and civil suit.
A.L.S. 3 pp. 9¼ x 7¼. MS. Slavery P. 7. [77]

1839
Oct. 8 Moses ROPER.*
Announces his lecture in the Public Rooms, Hull,
England, concerning his personal experiences under
slavery in the United States.
Printed broadside. 1 p. 10½ x 8½. Broadside Sla-
very R. 5. [78]

1839
Mar. 29 Thomas JONES, Jos[eph] YOUNG, for George
ROBERTSON Estate, Charles [City] County [Va.].
Appraisal of thirty-one slaves, goods, chattels and
personal property totals \$16,522.46.
4 pp. 13½ x 8½. MS. Slavery R. 1. [79]

1841
Jan. 2 Louis TAPPAN, New York City. To Theodore
SEDGWICK.
Commends Sedgwick's stand on behalf of the *Amis-
tad*¹ captives; refers to Forsythe's article in the *Globe*.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 9¼ x 7¼. MS. Slavery T. 2. [80]

1. African crew of the *Amistad*, captured off Long Island in 1839, were at first
supposed to be pirates. They proved to be slaves who had revolted, taken pos-
session of the ship, and were trying to return to Africa. See also biographical
sketch on Joseph Cinque.

- 1842
Dec. 23 W. S. COLQUHOUN, Washington, D. C. To Circuit Court of the District of Columbia.
A "certificate of property for the record"; certifies that Colquhoun has transported five young slaves, descended from slaves resident in Virginia before Apr. 21, 1783, from Prince William County, Va. into Washington County, D. C., for his "own use and benefit" and not for sale.
D.S. 2 pp. 12½ x 7½. MS. Slavery C. 3. [81]
- 1843
June 1 Henry LLOYD. To Police of Washington and Geo: Town [Georgetown]. Pass for servant, Austin Inplett, until June 1, 1843.
A.D.S. 1 p. 9¼ x 7¼. MS. Slavery L. 1. [82]
- 1845
Sept. 13 William HUNTINGTON, New Hanover County, N. C. To G. S. GILLESPIE.
Receipt for sale of Negro woman and her four children for \$850.
D.S. 1 p. 12 x 7½. MS. Slavery G. 5.
Witness, J. T. Alderman.
Registered in County Records, Book C.C., p. 328, Mar. 18, 1846, L. H. Marstelly, clerk. [83]
- 1845
Nov. 8 Nathan G. MOORE, Commissioner under decree of the Superior Court of Rockridge. To William CRAWFORD.
Receipt for bond, six months, \$500, being price of "a Negroe Boy named Henry."
A.D.S. 1 p. 3¼ x 7½. MS. Slavery C. 4. [84]
- 1846
June 29 William CRANCH, Chief Judge, U. S. Circuit Court of District of Columbia. To Robert JAMIESON.
Certificate of freedom for Linny Brown, "aged about 40," emancipated by Jamieson.
A.D.S. 1 p. 12 x 7½. MS. Slavery J. 1.
Witness, Cassius F. Lee, County Clerk [85]
- 1846
Oct. 12 T. Fowell BUXTON, Cromer, England. To Edward CHAPMAN, Whitby, Eng[land].
Requests protection for the bearer, who will explain the particulars of his offense for which he is to appear before a court of enquiry.
A.L.S. 1 p. 9 x 7½. MS. Slavery B. 2. [86]

- 1847
Mar. 19 Daniel WEBSTER, Washington, D. C.
"I have paid \$120 for the freedom of Paul Jennings.¹ He agrees to work out the sum at 8 dollars a month, to be found with board, clothes and washing."
Facsimile. 1 p. 8¼ x 5¼. F.S. Slavery W. 4. [87]
- 1847
June 13 J[oseph] J[enkins] ROBERTS,* Governor, Commonwealth of Liberia. To J. W. PROUT and James HALL, managing agents, Chesapeake and Liberia Trading Company.
Powers of attorney.
Two D.S. bound together by government seal. 1 p. 9¼ x 7¼, and 2 pp. 9¼ x 7¼. MS. Slavery P. 4. [88]
Witness, J. B. McGill.
- 1848
Sept. 27 Duke W. GOODMAN, Mobile, Ala. To Thomas GOODMAN.
Acknowledges transfer of twenty-three slaves.
D.S. 1 p. 13 x 7½. MS. Slavery G. 4. [89]
Witness, T. Fettyplace.
- 1849
Apr. 23 H. G. GARNER. To John C. Revis, c/o BLAIR & REVIS, attorneys, Washington, D. C.
Concerns sale of a slave, Gilbert, who had belonged to the estate of H. Dorsey; price 650 shillings.
A.L.S. 2 pp. 9½ x 7¼. MS. Slavery G. 2. [90]
- 1850
Feb. 2 William H. MORGAN, Frances C. MORGAN, Harriet MORGAN, Rachel MORGAN, Sarah MORGAN, Elisabeth MORGAN, Mary Morgan HAR-

1. In a pamphlet entitled *A Colored Man's Reminiscences of James Madison*, Brooklyn, N. Y. George C. Heald, 1865, New York Public Library AGZ p. v. 83, the author, J. B. R. (not otherwise identified) mentions that the above autograph of Daniel Webster turned up on January 10, 1865 among the effects of a certain Mr. Thomas who for many years was a Negro messenger in the House of Representatives. In setting down the reminiscences of Paul Jennings "as nearly as possible in his own words," J. B. R. states that Jennings was the reputed son of an English trader and a slave of President James Madison, who was the granddaughter of an Indian. Jennings was "body servant" to Madison until the latter's death and then to Daniel Webster, who purchased his freedom from Madison's widow. The reminiscences include an account of the advance of the British upon Washington in the W. of 1812, the precipitate flight from the White House and the incident of Mrs. Madison being asked to leave a house in which she had taken refuge because the lady of the house violently disapproved of her. Jennings also mentions Mrs. Madison's pecuniary straits in her later years when he frequently helped her out with small advances. Quotes Madison's famous answer, "I never allow a Negro to excel me in politeness," when a snobbish friend of his raised his eye-brows at Madison's punctilious return of a colored man's salutation.

ROD, Charles HARROD, New Orleans, La. To John MILLER F.C.M. [free man of color].

Deed to the slave Eliza, about 46, and her two children, Fanny, about ten, and John, about six, for \$1400. Copy by H. B. Cenas, notary public. 2 pp. 14 1/4 x 9%. MS. Slavery M. 1. [91]

1850 May 20 Mrs. Margaret HERON. To W. W. BOWEN administrator of Walter HERON "dec." [deceased]. Acknowledges delivery of slaves, Jordan, Mary and her two children, James and Eliza; acknowledges bond for the hire of Jordan, \$75, due Dec. 25, 1850. D.S. 1 p. 9 1/4 x 7 1/4. MS. Slavery H. 3. Witness, Joseph Stricklen. [92]

1852 June 19 William McCLAIN, secretary, American Colonization Society, Colonization Rooms, Washington, D. C.

"Publish the Bill and write a strong editorial in its favor, and send a copy to Mr. Stanley. Please also send copy to the African Repository. Ed. Portsmouth Journal, Portsmouth, N. H."

A.L.S. 1 p. 10 x 7 1/4. MS. Slavery M. 5.

Letter written on printed congressional bill, containing handwritten passages. "A bill, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to deposit with the several states, as here mentioned, certain sums to be used to transport to Liberia in Africa, free people of color," introduced in Congress by the Honorable Edward Stanly* of North Carolina, June 4, 1852. [93]

1853 Mar. 15 J[oseph] J[enkins] ROBERTS,* Government House, Monrovia, Liberia. To James HALL, M.D. Relates to election of the Honorable T. H. B. Satrobo to presidency of American Colonization Society of Liberia; comments "Mind is Strength." A.L.S. 1 p. 10 x 7 1/4. MS. Slavery R. 3. [94]

1854 Aug. 1 W[illiam] McCLAIN, secretary, Washington Colonization Society, Washington, D. C. To P. H. SILVERTON.

Solicits funds with which to send 63 freed slaves to Liberia; Rev. F. D. Herndon of Fauquier County, Va.

liberated 48 of his slaves to send them in this group. L.S. 2 pp. 7 1/2 x 5. MS. Slavery M. 4. [95]

1855 Aug. 21 B. R. CURTIS, Associate Justice, U. S. Supreme Court, Pittsfield, [?]. To "Sir." [Dissents in Dred Scott case;] refers to rules passed by Supreme Court at December term, 1851. A.L.S. 2 pp. 8 x 5. MS. Slavery C. 2. [96]

1857 Dec. 25 David P. CURRY To Charles P. DORMAN. Binds self and heirs to pay \$380 for a Negro slave named Randle, about 45, who has a "sore leg;" purchase made "with full knowledge of that fact." D.S. 1 p. 6 1/4 x 8. MS. Slavery C. 1. [97]

1863 Jan. 18 Major L. MIMS, Chief Quartermaster Corps., Jackson, Miss. "Furnish to Bearer transportation for twenty Negroes, belonging to Gen. Leonidas Polk, to Meridian, the individual having them in charge paying all expenses." L.S. 1 p. 4 1/4 x 7 1/4. MS. Slavery M. 3. [98]

1864 Oct. 29 Charles SUMNER,* Boston, Mass. To Captain BRAINERD, New York. Offers to give speech, "Slavery And The Rebellion One And Inseparable," before New York Young Men's Republican Union. A.L.S. 1 p. 10 x 8. G.155_801-326.973. [99]

1864 Nov. 5 Charles SUMNER*. To New York Young Men's Republican Union, Cooper Institute, New York. Speech, "Slavery And The Rebellion One And Inseparable." 84 pp. 12 1/2 x 8. G.155_801-326.973. [Published as pamphlet by Wright & Potter, Boston, 1864, and bound with item described in entry 99]. [100]

1865 Feb. 1 J. Hume BURNLEY, Washington, D. C. To J. M. CARLISLE. Acknowledges Carlisle's opinions concerning H. Par-

1. The Dred Scott decision of the U. S. Supreme Court, argued December term, 1856, decision March 6, 1857, denied the legality of the so-called Missouri Compromise, and denied that a Negro [in this case the slave, Dred Scott] was a citizen. See—Benjamin C. Howard, reporter, *Reports of Cases Argued and Adjudged in the Supreme Court of the United States, December Term, 1856*. Washington, D. C., 1859. Vol. XIX, pp. 393-633.

ratt and "the Negro Emancipation from the United States."

A.L.S. 1 p. 12½ x 8. MS. Slavery B. 1. [101]

1873
July 11 W. T. EARLY, Charlottesville, Va. To W[illiam] W. BELKNAP, Secretary of War.

"Inclosed please find a certified copy of the will of Thaddeus Kosciuszko, which, by a curious mistake, is always spelt, in English, 'Kosciuszko'. There is no doubt of this being a correct copy, in every respect, to the dotting of an (i) and the crossing of a (t). I have succeeded in finding the original of the handwriting of the Sarmatian hero. The copy will be of great interest, as an expression of the views of the writer on the slavery question, made seventy-five years since. It also shows, collaterally, Mr. Jefferson's own views on the same question."

"Mr. Jefferson declined to take upon himself the execution of the will, because of his declining years and great age."

Positive photograph of a printed copy, framed with a bronze medallion of Jefferson and steel engravings, 6 x 5, of Jefferson and of Kosciuszko. Slavery K. 1. [For enclosure, see entry 55]. [102]

1878
Aug. 7 Wendell PHILLIPS.* To Burnham WARDWELL. Expresses sympathy concerning the Pratt case; "I see M. Niles has bailed him." A.L.S. 2 pp. 8 x 5. MS. Slavery P. 8. [103]

1881
Feb. 7 Frank G. SHAW, Staten Island, N. Y. To Sallie HOLLEY, Holley School, Lottsburgh, Va. "My sister Mrs. W. B. Greene has asked me to send you a copy of the Letters of my son, Col. Robert G[ould] Shaw*," discusses the letters. A.L.S. 2 pp. 9¼ x 5¼. MS. Slavery S. 1. [104]

1886
Mar. 6 John [Greenleaf] WHITTIER, Oak Knoll, Mass. To "Friend."

"I think the story of my writing the life of an escaped slave—James Williams at Friend Hill's, in Water Str., N. Y. is correct. Prof. Follen, of Harvard University and a friend of his, an Italian patriot refugee, were with me. I remember the latter drew the slave's portrait."

I think this was in the summer of 1837..." [Narrative published in *Emancipator*, Aug. 30, 1838].¹

A.L.S. 2 pp. 7½ x 4½. MS. Slavery W. 1. [105]

1890
Mar. 10 Robert PURVIS, Philadelphia, Pa. To C. E. RICE. Concerns autographs of anti-slavery friends. A.L.S. 1 p. 8 x 5. MS. Slavery P. 1. [106]

n.d. W. H. BAILEY.

"Received..... hundred dollars for a Negro Boy, by the name of John, of black complexion about nineteen years old. I warrant him to be sound, healthy, sensible, a slave for life and title to be good."

A.D.S. 1 p. 4¼ x 7¼. MS. Slavery B. 3.

Marginal note: "Get the biggest price you can in Confederate money."

[Presumably amount was to have been filled in when buyer found and price agreed upon]. [107]

n.d. [Pre-Civil War] Lonon DAILY. To "Citizens and Soldiers." Farewell address after twenty-seven years as commander of colored regiments in New England. D.S. 8 pp. 6½ x 4. MS. Slavery D. 2. [108]

n.d. John Martin ELDER, Madison County, Miss. To his heirs. Will bequeaths: To Otto R. Singleton, lands and a plantation including many slaves; to Martha Mulherin, wife of Samuel Henry Mulherin, a gold watch and key. D.S. 4 pp. 12¼ x 7¼. MS. Slavery E. 2. [109]

n.d. [betw. 1856 and 1858] Lewis GASSAWAY and Charity GASSAWAY, his wife, Washington, D. C. To Circuit Court of the District of Columbia.

Petition for freedom, naming Adam Rose, who bought the Gassaways in Virginia in 1856 from Spottiswood Grigely and brought them to Washington, D. C., where slavery was unlawful.

D.S. by Lewis and Charity Gassaway. 4 pp. 13 x 8¼. MS. Slavery G. 1. [110]

n.d. Anonymous [member of Church of the Disciples]. To "Mrs. & Miss" Gray LORING.

¹ See also *The Negro Author*; by Vernon Loggins. New York, Columbia University Press, 1931.

- Describes quarrel among members during recent Anti-Slavery Fair, held at Armory Hall.
A. Df. 2 pp. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 7 $\frac{1}{4}$. MS. Slavery L. 3. [111]
- n.d. Horace MANN (1796-1859).
Summarizes trial, slave ship *The Pearl*¹ and United States versus Daniel Drayton.*
A.N.S. 24 pp. 13 x 8. MS. Slavery M 6. [112]
- n.d. E. R. McCREA, Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.
[Civil War] To Provost Marshal, Alexandria, Va.
Sept. 24 "Please telegraph immediately how many 'Contrabands'² are available for service to the Potomac Flotilla.
E. R. McCREA, Adj. Potomac Flotilla."
A.L.S. 1 p. 8 x 5. MS. Slavery M. 2. [113]
- n.d. Rev. A. A. PHELPS (1820-1890). To Board of Missionaries.
Proposes that slaveholders, drunkards and gamblers, after due admonition, be asked to withdraw their support of missions and churches.
A. Df. S. 2 pp. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 7 $\frac{1}{4}$. MS. Slavery P. 2. [114]
- n.d. Charles SUMNER* (1811-1874). To Oliver JOHNSON (1809-1889).
Suggests publication of a speech by Richard Henry Dana Jr. in *Anti-Slavery Standard*, N. Y.
A.L.S. 1 p. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$. MS. Slavery S. 2. [115]
- n.d. Committee of Resolutions, C. DORSEY, Geo [rge] CRANE, W[illiam] COAD, Henry G. GARNER, Mo HAWKINS.
Cites murders at Southampton, Va.; resolves to suppress meetings of Negroes by day or night and to forbid them arms and dogs; resolves that education for Negroes is inexpedient and improper.
2 pp. 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 7 $\frac{1}{4}$. MS. Slavery S. 7. [116]

1. See Bibliographical Index—Daniel Drayton.

2. At the beginning of the Civil War the federal government tried to enforce a strict regard for all private property except contraband. Slaves were still private property under the law but General Benjamin F. Butler, on the theory that slaves gave, had given, or could give aid and comfort to the Confederates, promptly seized all Negroes who came into his camps and labeled them "contrabands." See Henry, Robert Self, *The Story of the Confederacy*, p. 51, Garden City, New York, Garden City Publishing Co. Inc., 1931.

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- 1787 W[illiam] WILBERFORCE,* Old Palace Yard.
May 22 "Your most obedient and humble servant."
Autograph fragment. 1 p. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 7 $\frac{1}{4}$. MS. Abolition S. T. 9.
Under signature, "The Statesman," in another hand. [117]
- 1789 Granville SHARP,* London, England. To
Mar. 14 "Gentlemen of the Committee" [for Effecting the Abolition of the Slave Trade, Edinburgh].
Mr. [William] Wilberforce* will shortly introduce a motion in the House of Commons relative to "the Business which we have so much at Heart"; requests that each person get in touch with members of the House and urge particular attention.
A.L.S. 1 p. 9 x 7 $\frac{1}{4}$. MS. Abolition S. T. 6. [118]
- 1789 GEORGE III [of England], Windsor.
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In hand of and signed by Stephen Cottrell; stamped seal of Great Britain, 1 p. 15 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. MS. Abolition S. T. 16. [119]
- 1792 Granville SHARP,* No. 1 Garden Court, Middle
Apr. 3 Temple, London, England. To "Sir."
The House of Commons last night passed a vote to abolish the slave trade but, by inserting the word *gradual*, much reduced the merit of their resolution; declaims against tolerating the "enormous iniquity" for some time longer.
A.L.S. 1 p. 12 x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$. Abolition S. T. 21. [120]
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Printed L.S. 1 p. 7½ x 9. Abolition S. T. 2. [121]

1795 William WILBERFORCE,* To Ian BEN-
June 12 THAM.

Postpones dinner engagement.

A.L.S. 1 p. 7½ x 4½. Abolition S. T. 13. [122]

1800 William WILBERFORCE,* London. To Mrs.
Feb. 11 FLETCHER.

Promises to remember "the name and situation of Mr. Halyburton" to whose character her letter "bears very honorable testimony"; refers to his [Halyburton's] services in the cause of Abolition.

A.L.S. 1 p. 7¼ x 7, torn and mutilated. MS. Abolition S. T. 15. [123]

1800 Thomas CLARKSON,* Bury St. Edmunds, Suff-
May 21 folk, England. To Duke of GLOUCESTER.

Presents *The History of the Rise, Progress and Accomplishment of the Abolition of the Slave Trade*, two volumes, by Thomas Clarkson as Director of the African Institution.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 10 x 7½. S. T. 18. [124]

1815 Thomas CLARKSON,* Bury St. Edmunds, Eng-
Aug. 22 land. To the King of England [George III].

"You have no doubt, good Reason to believe that the restored government of France will consent to an immediate abolition of the Slave-Trade..."; urges that British Ambassador [Robert Stewart, Viscount Castlereagh, afterwards Marquis of Londonderry] ask Czar of Russia [Alexander I] to prevail upon Portugal and Spain to give up the slave trade as piracy; "I mean only to get an interview for an Hour or two with the Emperor of Russia, and to explain to his Majesty what a Benefactor of the human Race he would be if he would take up this matter as *from himself* in Congress [of Vienna]..."

L.S. 4 pp. 10 x 7½. S. T. 19. [125]

1823 William WILBERFORCE,* Maiden Park, Eng-
June 17 land. To Archdeacon F[rancis] WRANGHAM.

Invites Wrangham to breakfast at his convenience. "I was sorry to have missed you, though I had given my servant a general direction to be somewhat more rigid than usual in guarding the door on the morning you called, because the Archbishop of Dublin, just about to return, was with me tête-à-tête."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 7¼ x 4½. MS. Abolition S. T. 11. [126]

1823 William WILBERFORCE,* Barmouth, North
Sept. 6 Wales. To G. F. T. VINCENT, No. 11 Dabe Street, Adelphi, London.

"Cordial wishes, and let me add prayers, carrying you safely thro' this dangerous world"; encloses "with pleasure a letter to Mr. Harrington, Bookseller in Piccadilly. & I heartily wish it may be of service to you."

A.L.S. 1 p. 8½ x 7½. MS. Abolition S. T. 8. [127]

1825 Thomas CLARKSON,* Playford Hall, near Ip-
Nov. 5 swich, England. To William CLARKE, Norton, near Woolpit, Suffolk.

Discusses desirability of a county meeting, after example of Norfolk, for purpose of addressing Parliament; "Requisition" is now being circulated; lists noblemen and landed gentry in favor of Abolition.

L.S. 4 pp. 9 x 7½. MS. Abolition S. T. 1. [128]

1830 William WILBERFORCE,* Highwood Hill,¹
Nov. 24 England. To William ROSCOE, c/o Samuel JOSEPH, near Liverpool.

Introduces and recommends Mr. Joseph for consideration as sculptor to committee in charge of erecting a statue to the late Mr. [William] Huskisson.²

A.L.S. 1 p. 9 x 7½. MS. Abolition S. T. 14. [129]

1832 W[illiam] WILBERFORCE,* Bath, England.
Oct. 9 To LEPARD & Company.

Encloses draft for payment of four numbers of

¹ Highwood Hill was an estate of 140 acres ten miles north of London. See *The Life of William Wilberforce*, vol. 5, pp. 248-271.

² William Huskisson, English statesman and financier, 1770-1830.

Greenwich Gallery; asks discontinuance of his subscription due to retirement from London.

A.L.S. 1 p. 7 1/4 x 4 1/2. MS. Abolition S. T. 10. [130]

1837 William WILBERFORCE,* James St., Buckingham Gate, London. To F. R. HORNER, Hull England.

Regrets "total ignorance of what the Member of the Borough of Hull ought to subscribe to in connection with that Place," and his own moderate income; lacks the means to assist all the benevolent and scientific institutions and requests "the Judgement of others, as my Friend Mr. Pearse of Nisle Wood."

A.L.S. 2 pp. 9 x 7 1/2. MS. Abolition S. T. 12. [131]

1871 W[illia]m Lloyd GARRISON,* Roxbury [Mass.].
May 7 To Reverend W[illiam] H[ayes] WARD,* editor, the *Independent*.

Defends his article in the *Independent* concerning annexation of San Domingo; contends that "kink" in the Constitution which prevents annexation of a willing people and desirable territory should be "unkinked" or disregarded; prophesies that if President [Ulysses S.] Grant persists in carrying measure, his successor will be a Democrat.

A.L.S. 3 pp. 8 x 5. MS. Garrison 5. [132]

1873 W[illia]m Lloyd GARRISON,* Roxbury [Mass.].
Dec. 30 To Reverend W[illiam] H[ayes] WARD.*

Extends New Year's greetings; asks reservation of space in the *Independent* for an article "In Memoriam" of "a dear, venerated, notable and saintly woman in the person of Sarah M. Grimke,* lately deceased at Hyde Park (Mass.), sister of Angelina E. Grimke Weld,* wife of Theodore D[wight] Weld." * "Doubtless you know somewhat of the history of these remarkable women in connection with anti-slavery and women's rights movements—a history which posterity will contemplate with admiration and warm approval."

A.L.S. 1 p. 8 x 5. MS. Garrison 4. [133]

1874
Feb. 16

William Lloyd GARRISON,* Boston, Mass.

"They dread nothing so much as the suppression of free inquiry, who turn pale with fear or are flushed with anger when their cherished dogmas are called in question;" quotes "Magna est veritas, et prevalebit."

A.Df.S. 1 p. 8 x 5. A. D. G. [134]

1876
Mar. 24

W[illia]m Lloyd GARRISON,* Roxbury [Mass.].

To Reverend W[illiam] H[ayes] WARD.*
Thanks Ward for condolences upon death of his wife; send^s an "In Memoriam" for publication in the *Independent*; promises that when he is in better health he will again contribute.

A.L.S. 2 pp. 8 x 5. MS. Garrison 6. [135]

1876
Mar. 24

W[illia]m Lloyd GARRISON,* Roxbury [Mass.].

To Reverend W[illiam] H[ayes] WARD.*
"In Memoriam" of 14 lines to his [Garrison's] wife, to be published in the *Independent*.

A.L.S. 1 p. 8 x 5 MS. Garrison 1. [136]

[1876?]

Author unknown.

Concerns visit to England of Rev. Josiah Henson,* the "Uncle Tom" of Uncle Tom's Cabin, during 1876 "in the interest of the coloured race;" describes Henson's reception at many social functions, including his reception by Queen Victoria, who presented him with her photograph in a gilt frame; states that the following books were his property—*Lenten Lessons, Arrows and Anecdotes*, presented by the author, Dwight J. Moody, *Poems*, by Robert Burns, *Autographs for Freedom*, by Julia Griffiths, 1854, *All About Jesus*, by Alexander Dixon.

A.D. 4 pp. 8 x 5. MS. Henson. [137]

n.d.

Thomas CLARKSON.*

"Yours T. Clarkson."

Two signatures on strips pasted at top and bottom of his silhouette. 4 1/2 x 3. Abolition S. T. 4. [138]

- n.d. The editor, and [Anthony BENEZET?]*. To Granville SHARP.*
 "From the Editor."
 "The Gift of the Worthy Editor to Granville Sharp."¹
 MS. Abolition S. T. 5. [139]
- n.d. Thomas CLARKSON.* To [?] an author.
 Concerns addressee's book on West Africa; salvation of Africa depends upon knowledge of the Gospels; compares data in book with his own impressions while in Africa; only errors in the book are statements that slaves enormously outnumber freemen, as statement of Captain Clapperton that in a particular district slaves outnumber freemen 30 to one.
 A.L.S. 1 p. 9 x 7½. MS. Abolition S. T. 3. [140]
- n.d. W[illia]m Lloyd GARRISON.*
 "Concerning our own Times." Deals with hypocrisy of present day society and supposedly religious church members and clergy.
 A.Df.S. 2 pp. 8¼ x 5¼. MS. Garrison 2. [141]
- n.d. W[illia]m Lloyd GARRISON.*
 Condemns South, which though fallen behind North in "intelligence, education, industry, enterprise, skill, invention, growth, opulence, and moral and religious sentiment" yet rules as by divine right.
 A.Df.S. 2 pp. 9 x 5½. MS. Garrison 3. [142]
- n.d. Anonymous.
 "Peace may be the lot of the mind
 That seeks it in meekness and love
 But rapture and bliss are confined
 To the glorified spirits above."
 A.D. 1 p. 7½ x 1½. MS. Abolition S. T. 17. [143]

1. Writing in second line attributed to Anthony Benezet. See Benezet, *Some Historical Account of Guinea... with an Inquiry into the Rise and Progress of the Slave-Trade*, Philadelphia, 1771. (Copy in Schomburg Library has inscription on fly-leaf: "From the worthy author to Granville Sharp.")