Appeal to the Friends of Liberty.

Thirty-eight fellow-men from Africa, after having been piratically kidnapped from their native land, transported across the seas, and subjected to atrocious cruelties, have been thrown upon our shores, and are now incarcerated in jail to await their trial for crimes alleged by their oppressors to have been committed by them. They are ignorant of our language, of the usages of civilized society, and the obligations of Christianity. Under these circumstances, several friends of human rights have met to consult upon the case of these unfortunate men, and have appointed the undersigned a Committee to employ interpreters and able counsel, and take all the necessary means to secure the rights of the accused. It is intended to employ three legal gentlemen of distinguished abilities, and to incur other needful expenses. The poor prisoners being destitute of clothing, and several having scarcely a rag to cover them, immediate steps will be taken to provide what may be necessary. The undersigned, therefore, make this appeal to the friends of humanity to contribute for the above objects. Donations may be sent to either of the Committee, who will acknowledge the same, and make a public report of all their disbursements.

SIMEON S. JOCelyn, 34 Wall Street.
JOSHUA LEAVITT, 143 Nassau Street.
LEWIS TAPPAN, 122 Pearl Street.

New-York, Sept. 4, 1839.

SUBSCRIPTION.

We, the subscribers, promise to pay to S. S. JOCelyn, JOSHUA LEAVITT, and LEWIS TAPPAN, to employ counsel, &c., for the African prisoners, the sums set against our names respectively, to be expended agreeably to the above Appeal.

[Signatures]

John Brown
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