

Providence Oct 2. 1839.

Dear Sir

I inclose a check for Twenty Dollars which you will please apply to the relief of the Africans of the Amistace.

Allow me to take this opportunity to offer a suggestion or two in respect to this case. To me it always bears the most important case that has ^{come} ~~appeared~~ before a judicial tribunal within my recollection. It must, I think, decide the question whether an African is a man, and of course entitled as a man to all the rights of his manity; and also the question whether uncivilized men are entitled ^{to} the same rights as other men. On the first of these questions depends our relations with the negro race, and on the other on relations with the Indians.

As this is a common matter of interest would it not be desirable to associate with the present Committee some gentlemen who are not connected with any abolition societies, & to publish the results & doings of the committee in the ordinary daily papers. The articles in the Communique are all the source of information which I have perceived for knowing any thing of the committee or their doings.

Should the case come before the Supreme Court

would it not be desirable to employ some counsel from
a more southern District as Horace Binney of Phila
delphia; or some Lawyer of eminence in Virginia or Ma-
ryland. In short I hope that no effort will be spared to bring
the case to a right decision a decision in the highest degree
sacred to the rights of man here and every where for the
present and forever.

This letter is of course to you personally,
is not to be made public as it is merely a matter of private
suggestion

I am

Dear Sir

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Yours truly
F. Wayland.

Mr. F. Wayland
Providence
Dec 18 1839