



Farmington March 18th 1841

My dear Mr

I rec^d your note at Berlin by Mr. Booth & regretted much not to see yourself on several accounts. I had sufficient reasons for remaining however. I can ^{hardly} restrain my indignation at the conduct of the Factor. No doubt all will be made right & from all that I hear good will result from this also. But it is

time I should say that our Anti Slavery friends turned out again today & went to Berlin, where our African friends arrived in good spirits & in a comfortable condition about 1/2 past ten. We soon got them into sleighs, protecting them as well as we could, stopped half an hour at Doctor Lee's a good Abolitionist in New Britain, where a great many citizens came to see them, and then came on to this place where we arrived at one. The poor fellows shivered a little, but they soon got warm after reaching here. The arrangements for their accommodation have of course been very hastily made, and are considered as temporary, still they

will be very comfortable. Our friend Mr
Deming has devoted a room belonging to him
in a main stone building, for their sleeping and
school room & a colored family 40 or 50
rod distant have undertaken to prepare
their food & furnish an eating room. Mr
Deming's ^{dwelling} house is within a few rods on one
side & Mr William's on the other, and
other warm friends are all around them.

The utmost economy will be observed
in all expenditures, and nothing but plain
substantial fare will be provided. It
will be necessary we think to provide them
immediately with a suit consisting of strong
trousers, ~~trousers~~ & flannel shirt, as
they have no change of clothing whatever.

Mr Booth will go to St. Louis tomorrow
& return the next day & remain as long
as he can. ~~The~~ Most of us here being strangers
to the applicant, they evidently feel uneasy
if Mr Booth is long out of sight.

The temporal & eternal destiny of these
immortal beings, the position they occupy in
the views of the world, the interests of Africa,
and the Cause of the Slave in our own land
and elsewhere, all demand that the utmost
wisdom should be exercised by those to whose

Can Providence has committed them. I trust
that the guidance of an almighty hand will be
continually invoked, and I cannot doubt
that that hand which has hitherto been so
manifestly visible, will continue to be
stretched out.

I should like to know your views in
relation to future operations. So far as I
have been able to come to any conclusion
it has seemed to me that

as soon as one or more faithful,
devoted, competent men can be found to go
with them, it would be best to return them
to their country & make them the means
of introducing a mission. I have thought
that the American Board might be
glad to avail itself of this opportunity
& that this mission if established, might
be such a fortify as to do away
with the objections of many to contribute
to the general funds of that society. Such
a mission would exhibit a great influence.

I will write again in two or three days
or sooner if anything occurs.

Very truly yours

Mr Booth thinks that Kinn's
influence is very important
with his people.

Wm L Norton



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