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Zappan Esqr.

Dear sir - A young man
(colored) came to this Village yesterday, saying
he was Antonio. Captain boy to the Captain
of the Amistad. I rather doubted his
being the young man he represented himself
to be, and felt somewhat anxious to learn
whether Antonio was now in Connect-
icut. I should say this lad was somewhat
over 5 feet high, quite a flat nose, & I think
had a scar on his right cheek. Mrs Murray

thinks there is no doubt that the lad is
harriet, & that he was on board the Amistad
when Cinque rose & took command of
that vessel. Will you have the goodness to
tell us whether Antonio has gone from
Connecticut - give us a description of his
size - features &c. I wish also to know
when the American & Foreign A.S. Society
will hold it's anniversary, as I have as
yet seen no notice of the time &c.

✓ I wrote to Thomas Baranport, Mechanist
and patent lawyer, & inventor of the Electro Magnetic
Machine a few days ago respecting many &c, but

have had no answer. I am quite anxious
to visit New York next month provided I can
readily obtain the means. I am thinking
Mr Davenport is near your road from Stone
to Hous. If so, will you have the goodness
to remind him of my letter, & tell him I
want to know immediately whether he can
help me any, and if he can, how much?

I want very much to attend the A.S. politi-
cal convention. I do not as yet see it
expedient to have candidates for President &
Vice President nominated by the Abolitionists.

I think more can be done for the cause
by having the Abolitionists of both parties, use
their influence at the next nominations
by those parties, and if they will not bear
us, then take the steps that shall seem most
wise.

I may be on wrong ground, and if
I can hear the arguments that shall be ad-
vanced on both sides may change my views.

Please answer this as soon as you can
courteously & oblige your friend
J. Holcomb

April 9, 1841
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Boston N. H. April 9/41
about
Antonio