

New Haven 28 April 1841

Dear Sir,

I ought to have answered yours of the 15th immediately, but I have been too busy. All that I can say now is that you must not depend upon me for the proposed address. I am engaged indeed to be in New York on Wednesday at the tract meeting, but such is the state of religion in my congregation that I may be obliged to break that engagement. If I am in New York at the time, and am able to attend the meeting, I will do so, but even in that case I must not be depended on to sustain the interests of the meeting, or to speak at all, for I have no time to make any preparation. Why will not the exhibition of the Africans, the narrative by their teacher, & the statement in behalf of the Committee, be all that there is time for, and all that is needed?

Yours with respect,

Leonard Bacon

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