

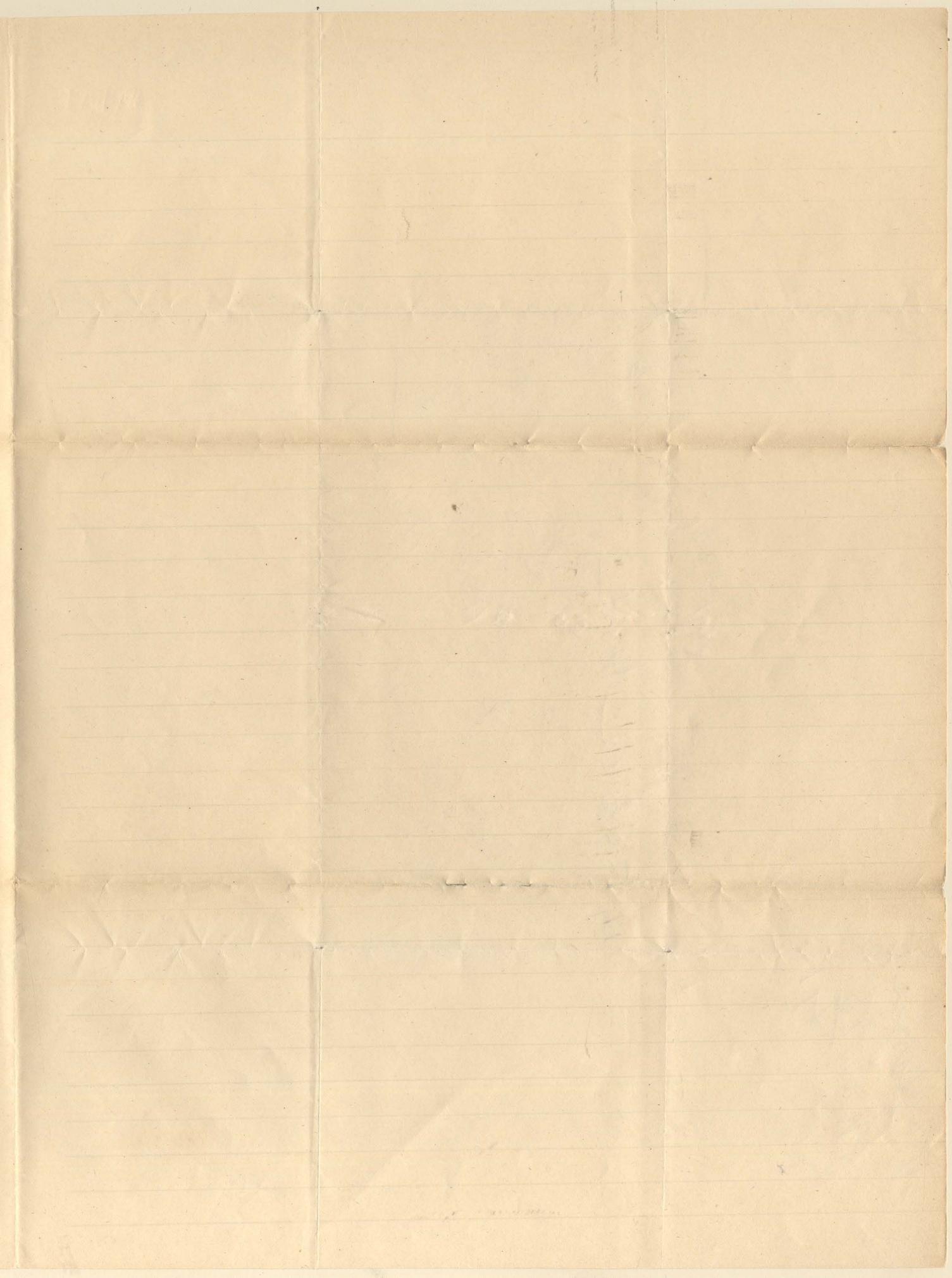


Brooklyn, Thursday Eveng May 13.

Dear Brethren Williams & Tappan,

Bro. Bradley & myself have been looking intently to-day at the question of a visit from the Amistad Africans to our City; & we were much gratified at hearing the remarks of Dr. Cox at the close of the exercises at the Tabernacle this eveng on the announcement of your Meeting at the Houston St. Church. Returning from the Tab.— I was so fortunate as to meet Rev. Mr. Bidwell, late of Phila. who was present at, & deeply interested in the meeting this afternoon. From his general knowledge of persons & things in Philada. I felt free to confer with him in reference to their visiting us. He advises that Bro. Williams should call on Dr. Cox, & request him to address ^{such} a letter to Rev. Albert Barnes, as his manifested interest in the subject will dictate, with a view to securing the use of the 1st. Presbyⁿ Church on Washington Square for a first meeting. The ice thus broken, other places would no doubt be offered in other sections of the city. (I ought to say that Bro. Gardner charged me with a commission, to offer his church, for the special accommodation of the colored population of Philada.) If Bro. W. can & will obtain such a letter from Dr. Cox, & enclose it, directed to my address, I will get Prof. Cleveland to hand it to Mr. Barnes, to whose ch. he belongs, & in the event of success, Prof. C. Bro. Hastings & myself will most gladly act as a Comm. of arrangement to carry out the detail. I expect to be at home tomorrow night, & shall feel anxious to learn from you, what you think of such a plan. All we need is an eligible place for the first meeting: for the result, we have no anxiety. Yours truly Mr. Gerrard.





Worthington
May 13
41

1.77	70 lbs can bond 25.1 2.0	36.0 13.00 5.00	1/4 1300 500	6 36.0 108 300 ft one gal
				A. J. Williams
				Blacks
				56.0 3 1/4 lbs
				29 pounds set up