

Philadelphia Feb 19. 1858

Most Esteemed Friend
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 from you at last after so long silence.
 I thought perhaps you might have ^{passed}
 your more immediate field of
 Premeditated Labour - having not long
 or heard anything from you, for so
 long a time - but I rejoice that you
 are still, in life and health - with the
 same vigorous hopes - as formerly -
 your very commendable ~~letter~~ measure
 to obtain the State, has yet my heartiest
 consent and cooperation - I have never
 as yet faltered, in my previous asserted
 interest to you in the matter - all I
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 Gallant Hero - distinguished in former
 triumphs - and then David cricket style

1826
I can go ahead but you speak
in your Letter of the People I fear
there is little to be done in the masses,
the Masses suffer for the want of
intelligence and it is difficult to
reach them in a matter like you
propose - so far as it is necessary to secure
their Cooperation - the Colored People
are impulsive - but they need Sagacity

Sagacity - to distinguish their Proper course
they are like a Bark at sea
without a Commander or Rudder
ready to catch it up or no but
as it may be - and it is so difficult to
strike a Line to meet them - no one knows
better than an Southerner the truth of this,
but however I do not despair, I only note
it - as it may form a part of the
History of your undertakings - and that
it may not otherwise damp ardor

I wish you Sir Gods Speed, in
your glorious work - may nothing
come to prevent a completing
your intended ^{visit} to this city

will be cheering Please to make my
house your home - I am not at
home now but will be in a few
days

Yours sincerely

Friend

James B. Haicster

Mrs Gloucester furnished
a considerable portion
of the later funds used
by John Brown on
the way to Va.

R. J. W.

John G. ...

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Faint, mostly illegible handwriting covering the page, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side. The text is written in cursive and spans most of the page.

Blancett, Jas. N. Letter to Capt. Brown, & Guy.

Philadelphia, Feb. 16th 1828.

Most Esteemed Friend:

Being called away from ^{home} by death, to Philadelphia, I have not as yet sent my answer to your first communication. I do so now. I was pleased to hear from you at last after so long silence. I thought, perhaps, you might have passed to your more immediate field of prosediated labor, not having seen or heard anything from you for so long a time, but I rejoice that you are still in life and health, with the same vigorous hopes as formerly. Your very commendable measure to deliver the slave, has yet my heartiest consent and co-operation. I have never as yet wavered in my previous asserted interest to you in the matter. All I need is the clear, intelligent watch-word of that gallant hero, distinguished in former triumphs, and then in David Crockett style, I can go ahead. But you speak in your letter of the people. I fear there is little to be done in the masses. The masses suffer for the want of intelligence, and it is ~~as~~ difficult to reach them in a matter like you propose, so far as is necessary to secure their co-operation. The colored people are impulsive, but they need capacity; capacity is distinguish their proper course. They are like a bark at sea without a

commander of rudder, ready to catch part, or no part, just as it may be, and it is ^{too} difficult to strike a blow to meet them. No one knows better than Mr. Douglas the truth of this. But, however, I do not despair. I only note it, as it may form a part of the history of your undertakings, and that it may not otherwise damp (your) ardor.

I wish you, sir, God speed, in your glorious work. May nothing arise to prevent accomplishing your intended visit to this city will be cheering. Please to make my house your home. I am not at home now, but will be in a few days.

Your sincere friend

James B. Gloucester.

(See "Woman's Journal," Boston, September 1st, 1888, for an account of the death, and a biographical sketch of Mrs. Gloucester.)