

Office of the Col. Society
Washington
April 26th 1828

Dear Sir,

Your favour of the 15th of January
was duly & thankfully received, and
it is proper at this late day, to
state the reasons why it has been,
apparently, so long neglected. The
truth is, your letter arrived just about
the time of our Annual Meeting,
(with the affairs of which, my own
attention was peculiarly occupied) &
as usual was referred to a
Committee, whose duty it is, to
consider all applications for Agents.
This Committee aware that we had
already an Agent in Maine,
declined reporting on the subject,
& until a few days ago, the letter
remained unnoticed in their
hands.

Though your friendly proposition
has not been met in the way you

suggested, yet other benefits may result
from your communications. I rejoice
to learn that your thoughts are
directed to the interesting & affecting
considerations, connected with
the degradation & wretchedness of
the Africans, & confident I am,
that they will lose none of their
force by reflecting upon them. Indeed
I cannot but hope, that not only
yourself, but many other young gentlemen
at Andover, will solemnly inquire
what can most effectually be done
towards advancing the cause of
our Institution & stand prepared
to accomplish it. If twenty four
young men of talent & energy
could be found, who would make
themselves acquainted with the
merits of this cause, & devote one
or two years to its promotion,
each occupying a single state,

The whole Union would experience
a Revolution in its favour, & the
resources of the Federal Government
be applied to ~~conduct~~ it forward
to a glorious consummation. For
agencies in the South; perhaps Southern
men are to be preferred; but cannot
Andover furnish those for the
Northern & Middle States?

Permit me to make a simple
suggestion. Nothing is more
important to us at this moment,
than to secure a disposition among
the Clergy & Churches of every sect,
to take up collections for us, on
or about the 1st of July next.
May cannot the young gentlemen
at Andover do much to aid this
great object, throughout New England?

Do me the favour, My Dear Sir,
to write me frequently, & believe

Me Yours at Phelp's. Am with perfect respect & esteem
your
R R Gurley

