

Gentlemen:

Allow me to thank you for the courtesy extended in notifying me of your initial movement in the formation of an Equal Rights League. I trust that the tendency to organization which is just now so noticeable among the colored people of the country will become universal and effective. My interest in the welfare of your race has been so long continued and is of such singular quality that I suppose it is usually accounted ~~business~~ I was usually considered a "crank" because of it, yet, somehow, I find it impossible to rid myself of it that I note with pleasure all signs of self-improvement on their part. action on their part. I do not think that, as a rule, they are at all by any means sufficiently well-informed as to the importance of their own efforts and sometimes more interested in securing favor for themselves than freedom for their race.

I trust the movement you have in-
augurated may be productive of beneficent
results. It is a great battle you are
waging and the colored men of the North
are on the picket-line.

Yours truly
James G. [unclear]