

Forest Grove Ore. on Feb 20th 90.
Mr. Union H. Course

Dear Sir,

On reading
your paper on the "American Negro"
I can do no less than sit right
down and write you my warm
felt thanks, which exceed all
without about 50 measure.
Nothing save a man who with
such an association is
a man would be a sad
from reading an editorial in the
Commonwealth, our leading newspaper
on this coast is indeed
the bill in Congress to
the freed man. This question is
a momentous one; and beset
with most formidable difficulties

* in N.S. Johnson (writing) Feb. 12, 1890.

I have been thinking a great deal of late
and ever of the American "Statesmen"
that championed the cause of our
freedom, in Congress and out of
Congress, but who now nearly all
rest from their labors. Among them
Wesley, Garrison, Phillips, Beecher,
Sumner, Wadsworth, Fiddings, Lincoln &
a host of others whose names are in-
scribed. But your words give me
both courage and light. If we
are no longer at the Tribune
its columns can let others speak.
There is but one way the question can be
settled and that is in giving him
all the rights that we accord to any
human being for it is too late in the
day to deny that he belongs to the human
family. Your words on his capabilities and
character as a race are ~~very~~ grand
as well as wise & felicitous. I have not
your address and will send this to the Tribune
to be forwarded with all that can be expressed
in the term of highest regards & am
most sincerely your friend W. L. Curtis.