

(Away on the hills 25 miles

from) Street Somerset.

Judge Abner W. Saurin June 16 90.

My dear Sir,

Your valued & deeply  
interested letter follows me to  
London <sup>2 weeks ago</sup> ~~Aug~~ I have been unable  
till now to find any time to reply  
the book too. "Pactolus Prince"  
came at the same time. I feel  
very grateful for both - It was  
one of the breaks of sunshine  
on ~~away~~ not ~~too~~ a way too  
easy way! For two years &  
3 months now I have been  
sending out Anti-Caste  
helped <sup>(now)</sup> by the subscriptions  
of some 200 supporters <sup>(sympathizers)</sup>  
some few <sup>helpful</sup> purchasers of  
the little paper. More of them

being as it were co-workers  
who see in it a means of  
awakening & renewing a feeling  
of personal friendship between  
<sup>individuals</sup> ~~people~~ of strong & sweet "races"

Do you know I shun that  
word "races" ~~in~~ wherever  
I can - It implies in itself  
a distinction that is unreal.  
We are really one race - the  
<sup>"human race"</sup> ~~the~~ world over - though different  
varieties - so that the word  
<sup>in its plural form</sup> "race" is as if there were a ~~lack~~  
sincerity of the ~~idea~~ <sup>truth</sup> we  
would spread. (The one-ness).

I read your "Fools & Frowns"  
when it first came out  
with great satisfaction - & still  
more so your "Bricks without  
Straw" On ~~one~~ <sup>second</sup> my visits to

America I had the great pleasure  
of a long quiet talk in his own  
library with W. F. W. Cable.

The Garrison I knew years before  
<sup>also & had met that good man</sup> ~~But~~ <sup>Wendell Phillips</sup> ~~suppose~~  
what gave me <sup>any</sup> exceptional interest in  
his cause was that my first  
outlook on American life  
was from the home of  
a so called "Negro family" - <sup>probably</sup>  
the leading coloured family of  
that time in Boston - the  
Wells Browns. - For some weeks  
I was their guest having accepted  
their kind invitation in pre-  
ference <sup>even</sup> to one from the Garrison  
as giving me a truer insight into  
the real position of affairs.  
I have never regretted it - indeed  
I have regarded it as a special  
leading of our Father's hand -

who seems to have intended  
merely to fix my attention  
on the <sup>miseries wrought by the</sup> ~~caste~~ system of  
caste - by showing me what it  
meant to those who are  
its victims. The Webb Beauris  
~~house~~ <sup>house</sup> ~~venue~~ was a sort of  
rendezvous for coloured  
persons of any distinction -  
Bishops & ministers - ~~Statesmen~~  
lawyers - medical students &  
from all parts of the U.S.  
were among our fellow  
guests or callers. I & the  
friend with whom I travelled  
~~was~~ like my self - a Quaker thus  
made quite a large circle of  
~~pleasant~~ acquaintances & friends  
among coloured Americans  
almost before me before  
any extended knowledge of  
white Americans -

<sup>A</sup> ~~My~~ <sup>Eastern</sup> brief visit to your principal  
Cities was all over time & means  
allowed but you can fancy how  
impressed this one hideous fact  
was upon our consciousness -  
I have been <sup>ever since</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>since</sup> a confirmed  
devotee to the cause of the Negro,  
the whitest & the blackest - and of  
the Indian & every other portion  
of the human family whom I  
discover to be cut off from their  
fellow being on the ground of  
difference of colour. I know that  
it is a baseless prejudice - I know  
that difference of complexion  
has no more to do with the  
relation between human beings -  
than though the pure black & <sup>and the</sup>  
of pure fair Scandinavian fairness  
than has the difference of  
of colour of eyes hair &c among  
those commonly called of the  
"same race" -





over such power - such confidence  
that one knows whereof one  
is writing - I never knew any  
one say such silly groundless  
things against <sup>the</sup> negroes as the  
ordinary American - I used to  
enjoy the astonishment it caused  
in some circles when I mentioned  
the fact that yesterday I was  
driving with 60 + 50 - (some known  
negro family) or driving in the  
park with 20 + 20 - or attending the  
Bible class at Sunday School of  
such & such a <sup>coloured</sup> congregation -  
When they found I could do  
this & find none of the things  
they had supposed had any  
existence in fact & felt the  
power it was to ~~enable~~ me to  
be able to speak from personal  
knowledge of facts. I wished  
~~these things~~ <sup>those who</sup> ~~could be~~ <sup>organized</sup> into  
an Association like the late  
Miss Mary Carpenter organized  
for India - in which mutual  
visiting & personal knowledge was a definite

means adapted for the removal  
of caste - by proving to each  
other ~~pleasantly~~ <sup>pleasantly</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> could be done to the  
mutual advantage of all  
concerned - I even at one  
time contemplated the possibility  
of myself being to organize ~~and~~  
a movement - through some  
correspondence with others - but  
I have had ~~to~~ <sup>be</sup> reluctant to  
recognize that this is too  
much for me to attempt  
at this distance & with so  
little time at my disposal  
as I have - I must ~~stick~~  
stick to my Anti-Caste  
Leaves I could get all a  
thousand <sup>young</sup> friends (or old)  
to volunteer its distribution  
each taking 10 - 20 or 50 or  
more copies to give out  
monthly - Once printed it was

would be a little extra work  
to my assistant to send out  
2000 ~~of the~~ <sup>in place of the</sup> 3000 we  
will send out.

If you know any man  
woman or child who  
would read it to profit  
if sent them - tell me please  
their address & they shall take  
- from the readers of Spring  
the workers & helpers.

I hope I have not altogether  
wearyed you with this long  
scrawl - May God bless  
you & all who labour  
for human good - & <sup>for</sup> ~~the~~ ~~cause~~

this cause of human  
brotherhood the essential  
principle of true religion.

Yours with sincere &  
warmest esteem  
Leah Tupey.