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Dear A. W. Bourgl.

Dear Sir this morning I
 thought I would write and tell you
 of the hope I have gained through
 your kindness in aiding me to get
 my letter through to the president
 I can not find words in common
 language to express my thankful
 ness to you. I received a reply from
 him yesterday morning. It was not
~~so~~ just ^{what} I now need to work out but
 will work to that aim he says I
 received your letter in which you very
 justly complain of the injuries to
 which the colored people of this country
 are in some localities and too often
 subjected. I do not need to assure

you that if it lay in my power to bring
to prompt punishment every violator
of the rights of any citizen Black or White
however humble it would be done sharp
swiftly surely and severely, Lynching
is a fearful reproach to our laws
~~and~~ to our courts and to our civilization
but my dear madame as President
the constitution and the laws limit
my power and to such cases as those
to which you refer these powers do not
extend I have not failed at any time
or in any part of this country when
opportunity offered to lift my protest
against these things, and to insist
that the rights of men and the safety
of our communities could only be
found in obedience to the law and in

their just and equal administration
without distinction of race or condition

Very respectfully yours

Beng Harison

There is the important part of his
letter he thinks it is not in his power
to protect ~~they~~ us. Why then not even
protected by the law the law has nothing
to do with the punishment of the colored
people if we was only punished by the
law according to other citizens punishment
we would be satisfied but the cruel hard
makes a law to suit their own feeling
and we are punished there by now if the
head of this government can not control
the laws then we have no laws so
we have got to protect our selves ~~for~~
the but I would like to send in one

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more plea which if you will ad. me in
I may get it red any way if not ans-
wered I shall have it redy not every
daye hence I hope you will not let me
impose on you if these things cause you
trouble in hendering your time as I know
you have all redy den a good many men
work in the case of fallen-humaniety but
a faithful worker is worthy of his reward
we allways get pay for a good reward
may gods blessings be praised

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