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Mr A. W. Touzeau
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Dear sir I received your letter some days ago and it has caused me a good deal of thought perhaps more than was needful. But that as it may my soul is full of the question how ~~when~~ and where the negro question will be settled. I was much pleased to note in your letter that it would have to be done in the United States for where else should or could it be if not here. I am of your opinion when you say it will depend on the colored man him self. But with due regard for your grand work and well wishes in our behalf I ~~could~~ could not go to my brethren as suggested by you and present the idea of holding monthly liberty meetings. Not when an every field of conflict this country has had the negro has done what would gain for others all the rights that a citizen could ask. Not when

he with his black strong and noble arm
he has caused the wilderness to blossom
and bloom and bring forth the rich fruit
of earth for others to feast upon that
I in prayer cease here. Ordain me
when I say I have but one prayer and one
request to make of my brethren on
this question. And that is Demand
what is theirs. Justice and right. Then
defend it as they did the Stars and
Stripes

Very Res Yours
W. Davis