

Schenectady, 13/3/93.

Judge A. W. Lougee,  
Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Friend,

I received your letter in due course, and would have replied ere this, but was waiting for something definite to send you. I went to New York a week ago Saturday to consult with <sup>Miss</sup> Eda B. Wells as to plans for raising the necessary funds to carry out the proposed object, and with reference to persons most likely to enter energetically into the work.

Miss Wells has since gone to Washington to confer with Frederick Douglass, and on Saturday I received the enclosed personal letter from him, which you will kindly

return. The Congress he proposes I do not approve of, and do not know what will come of it. Mr. Douglas and Miss Wells have written an address to the people which will be sent to the colored Press throughout the country, a copy of which you will find enclosed. As it is the only one I have kindly return it to me.

Both Mr. Douglas and Miss Wells approve heartily of your suggestion that we prepare a petition to the Managers of The World's Columbian Exposition to give a realistic representation of a Southern Lynching etc.

As you have kindly consented to prepare this, will you be good enough to do so at your earliest convenience?

With hearty thanks for your great interest in this work, I am

Sincerely yours,

Y. J. Loudens  
Ravenna, Ohio.