

at Mrs J. Tyrie Mayo's
Aberdeen

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My dear Friends

I have started on my
pilgrimage. For a week have
been hospitably entertained here.
The Judge's last letter, ~~which~~ ^{with one} made
a very deep impression on my
feelings - as to the course I must
not pursue - But how I wish
I could talk to him! Mr Mayo
(^{Edward Garrett} an address of no mean fame
on our side) began this winter
to be very deeply stirred about
the situation of affairs & we
& I have been corresponding -
& when the time came when
as I expected it would be possible
to me to get away from home
about this work - I came

straight to her, at her request
for us to thrash out the matter
better. She has taken right
hold and we are - (perhaps
it may seem very foolish)
planning how ~~to~~ best
to start again an Emanci-
pation ~~to~~ agitation - not in
~~the way~~ opposition to the
N.C.R.A. - (God forbid) but not
it. To justify our presence ^{inside its walls}
to ~~make~~ ^{give} scope to our
perverse desire to throw
ourselves into this cause -
we ^{felt the} need of an organization
on a broader basis - an
organization that was as truly
English as it was American
as truly Indian as English
where ~~you~~ ^{americans} can help us
put down the wrongs of

living in our colonies here-
where, as well as we help
plead the negro cause in
American. You will see by
the slips, ^{enclosed} that a very slight
change of wording effects a
change such as we need -
but - know you feel that
having enrolled on that
basis you cannot alter
the basis without the
full consent of your entire
membership. Whether you
will, if our idea seems to
take body & life to itself -
see if ~~it~~ ^{it} shall ^{to} take any
steps. I don't ^{feel to} know or guess.
May 25th - Day by day this
letter has waited thinking I
should have, to send with
it, a ^{proof} copy of an address we

had somewhat hastily
drawn up to accompany
the double sheet of Anti-
Castro which this time is a
recital of
a succession of wrongs
committed against colored
men - principally in the South.

But the address won't be
going out just at once &
I can't send proof because
I haven't it & don't want to
wait longer.

My idea is to organize all
enrol people of any country
Blacks & whites Indians
African American European
all in one roll - "for the
emancipation of all men
every where from disabilities
imposed on the ground of
color or race" - ^{taking up}
words of Jesus Christ "all ye are brethren - one

of your father's name

I don't believe that form of words
really expressed my full
meaning - I wish oh how I
wish that I could see & talk
with you - about it all.

We want business - work -
We want to start with a series
of meetings in Scotland & the
Northern counties of England
very soon - I have invited Miss
Ida Wells to come over - but
don't know ^{yet} if she can - We
shall make a beginning this
spring but serious work may
hardly be very possible till after
Autumn - I wish you could
feel your lead to come!
You could set England on
fire - It is certainly expected
to me, that this is purely an
American question ~~that~~
- my answer is that when

evils of such magnitude
exist - ^{helpless} people suffer wrongs
unspeakable - we can't
stand on ceremony - If my
neighbour's house is filled
with the shrieks of helpless
children - am I to let him
murder them unblinded
unreproached because it is
done in his own house -
There are cases in which
^{common} humanity requires one to set
etiquette ~~reproach~~ on
one side - It needs only
wielded efforts to bring the
world to some sense of the
wrong it is doing on the
ground of colour - everywhere
Think of Africa! Think of
India & Australia & the
islands - it is horrible - in it too

This general organization that
we propose can co-operate
with & assist all other organiza-
tions working ^{to the same} the end
I long to know your inward
feeling about it - Will you join us
in it - It has sprung out of
your reluctance to our party
make burden on you. If you had
said "fast speed - send me all
the help you can" I should have
dreamed of nothing further -
It was so much easier to say
let us help the U.R.C.A. - a
something already existing in
the heart of the country where
the biggest evil exists - than
to invite English men to step
out & act at my (poor little
Catherine Supey's) bidding -
Mrs Mayo is a powerful lawyer
& I am getting cordial letters

one by one. I want to
for President - and I want
Mr. Fortson as forwarder of
the Afro American League. I
fully in it as well as the
most distinguished men
summers of other countries
whom we can secure - Give
us ^{all} the support you can
we will get the strength
Wilber forces & other sons of
the old Anti Slavery men
- so I believe & expect - But
we do want your ^{confident}
support. Can you give it
or can't you? God grant you
can - I shall work with ten
times the force if I have the
confidence you can ^{well} give
of your conscience & judgment
approve. But I can stand the
truth - however painful. ✕

^{my idea}
making for our Watch word - The
words of Jesus: "All ye are brethren -
one is your Father" - While feeling
that the conception of brotherhood
will be forever growing - our aim
will be to apply it equally to
all mankind