

Hamilton Ill.

Apr. 16/93

Judge Foye

Dear Sir

Reading your letter published
this week in the Inter
Ocean. I am a friend of
yours and you an article
clipped from a Religious
newspaper in Chicago
that denies that it is true
that there are special cars
provided for colored people
of the southern states.

I will write you my
experience Dec. 23/92
when I went south to see
my mother that was

sold from me in 57 when
I was twelve years old.
I came North in 65 with
the soldiers and since
then I have wrote back
to Ga. several times but
could never hear from
her. untel last spring
I read an account in
the Atlanta Constitution
a paper that was given me
where two pouthree gentlemen
had an altercation and
one of the parties surname
was the same as my owners
I wrote immediately to him
he gave me the address of
my owners saying he was
a relative of his and
through my owners I
found my mother, sisters
and brothers. I bought a

first class round trip
ticket that was good for
three months and arrive
at Augusta, Christmas Eve.
When I reached Nashville
Tenn. they put me and
all the rest of the colored
passengers in a separate
car and we remain in
that car from there to
Augusta. but they didn't
prevent the lowest whites
with their whiskey jugs
and some of them had
from one to two dogs apiece
from coming the car with
the colored passengers
smoking and using

vile language before the
colored women that were
passengers also. I experience
that in dec. and can
swear to it as a fact.

The Editor of that Religious
paper had better resign
his office a while and travel
through some of those
southern states and be
convinced before he
publish any more
such statements.

I am proud to learn
of those two colored
Authors and shall try my
best to obtain each one
of those books. You do not
know how highly we
appreciate your Notes.

John Hammond
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