Des Moines Iowa
Sept 3rd 94
Mr A.W Jowers
Mayfield New York

my Dear Sir the Colored people of this State are prepairing & expect to have a grand Emancipation celebration in this City on Sept 20th 94 we changed it to the 20th on account of the 22 coming on Saturday we would like to have you with us by all means & the Committee on Speakers requested me to write you & ask you if it would be possible for you to come. we would like to have you for 2 reasons the first is we know that you are a True & Tried Friend to the race & second because it will help us in a grand cause as the A.M.E Church will get the benefit the proceeds will go to pay off a long standing debt & we hope to make it a success & I think we can

as the business men of our town
seems to be taken a hold of this
matter & a number of the best
citizens wanted us to have you because
they think as we do that you know
more about the condition of the
Colored man then any other man
in america, now by all means
come if you can & write us at once & tell
us your terms, time is short if this
letter is later then Wed reaching you telegraph
us at our expense I remain as
ever yours truly

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