What shall I take in
~~the~~ Till your own
paper ~~is to~~ exists
shall I learn
most through
the Inter Ocean
Still. Since the
subs. you too
goodly prepaid
for me - I can out
I see only negro
journals - & am
much in the dark.
~~Dear~~ Dear Friends
I don't know what your
silence means but I keep guessing
- Guess Nos. Do they think I
am fishing to have the Inter
Ocean &c &c sent me free!
Do they think I have disre-
garded their past advice?
Do they think I am really
rather crazed & had better
be allowed time to come
round. or is it policy - to
steer clear of the brawl &
the friction of all that miserable
personal attack -
Or are they ill, or too dreadfully
busy - or perplexed or
what is it?

Street Somerset
Mar 14/95
Dear Friends
me you refuse
& consider reply
- What
have I done to
be cast off? With royal regard I am faithful yours
Sincerely

Whatever it is it is all a mistake somehow, I feel sure & so in good faith I write again I suppose you think me a ~~poor~~ silly simpleton to write off expecting you to come off to England ~~like that~~ all at a jump as my last letter seemed to urge - though I believe we should have risen to the occasion had you ventured - But you didn't, so let that be. Meantime a new & great trial has befallen me. You know what I have suffered & endured in getting Miss Wells' campaign afloat & the little society for Recognition of Brotherhood started - It has got into the hands of some ministerial gentlemen who think they know all about it

& have thrown over our original platform ~~our~~ & gone off on fresh lines - & rather than be controlled or yield to us who founded the thing ~~they~~ we have had to let them have their own way & we come out of it and once more - now when I am feeling ~~our~~ something of the tiredness of middle age & I have for a third time to start afresh. Happily I had secured to myself the right to republish (resume) anti-Caste at any time I might see fit - so I revert to my old plan - ~~to~~ gathering up - a sort of monthly summary of the situation so far as I am able & working along on the

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old plan - collecting funds - for publishing & getting people to read & give away the copies. Meetings I can get up far better than those I have had to part from - as Mr Richings has found out. One does not work patiently for 16 years without ones name becoming something of a power - & there are hundreds of centres where I can write to one or two people & set them in motion. Mr Richings is doing a very useful work for the cause. Our English are so densely ignorant of the real condition of these col. people - (as alas are most American white people also) that his photographs are a sort of revelation

& thoughtful people are deeply impressed. Our Miss Wells' Campaign wore our people to the ~~fact~~ existence of a terrible condition of affairs & the awakened feeling has opened the way for a reception of quiet genuine information such as Mr R shows with his photo lantern slides. They are no fancy sketches - their power is in their plain light of day evidence. When he was here last for a few days (in Feb) I told him I thought he ought on getting back to America to go straight to you & instead of trying to start some new movement ~~[illegible]~~ try to understand the ~~[illegible]~~ one already so powerful for good. He is not a man of much education, general information or culture or manners & ~~[illegible]~~ I felt he needed to

he made to feel that there are greater than he already doing heroic service in the cause - he talked of running a paper. I don't know - but it may be his practical talents might be helpful to you? - The way his energy is considerable & his heart is in the cause & he is in touch with the Coloured people so I feel anxious to get him onto the best & most effective lines -

As for me you will receive soon (probably in a few days) a new copy of Anti-Caste. I think I can run it while still caring for the poor fellow old Uncle - I must do the best I can - In asking about how to keep in touch with you & your work - I want solid advice. My time is limited I cannot read much -