Battle freek Michigander 23 A Friend Hamorel I have heard so much at you being in trouble and i though is Would Write the you to get The true informations of Those Things in trackles me I know these who want to Walk in the right way like Ferns did must suffer persecution is from to Gad that you may live to over come the persecutions i don't know how it is but what i hear fearle soring for you and against you But is speak in behalf at you knowing what you have dome in bhalf at my for race I know the envy of some jeagle. like Souls envy against Daniel but never the less it shall fall as i understood it they want to hold you sestonsible for all The rollers that was in the lenseau for is seen things Token belonging to The hercaus token one they went away to of to balibornia a great meny things i have seen a There. What they have gottered up for their self show often said that there would be one inquire mock when is seen money go so blush dom glad the hureau did not for me a hundred dollars a month as They did many others I neve from the hureau steept what you not baptain y mer had nothing but my ration in hele the dollars a mant. I beet thenhall for what yo is heel sarry to you I know your went to ele Thing What is clust I only got this by hear sey and you know some fearle say things not as they ar air Then for is went to know the faticular fuer since i seen you i how Timelled Through Rhoele Island Massachusetts. Men yash Oliver Michigan Wascomis Illinais Doner Missauri Konsas lecturing on my fetition and my fetition is to get a home for the abol baland people ermonerfated by the war I will relate it To your when i come down to Washington I have betweet on my fetition 3pener since left washington for the get a home for the old coleved people that how her lining on the government ever since the war The last time is mas there they was beesting them on dry bread 600 hundred leaves to one ward it would be so much better for them to have en flore where They could earn Their own bread one have garchers to see to it as they chet to the Indian one it will be like the premised Lovet to Them. for The all boths i here met lots of them in my Lords distressed creatures onel i want to knew it your veryy the some josition theit your did yor hen i was there 3 years ago The Lord has chreeted me to do this work enel is wort to some down There to vary it in effect is will served you one any of tition Alease armser as soon as possible so i will not be looking that May my love to you ond knily Believe me over your my ye Alen miete this age 12 y Friend Safaunes Fruth Vie Boyel i wont wont Battle breek on suggest to some on horse white winter down there ofter the hollidges wrate to me

Friend Howard Battle C

Battle Creek, Michigan Dec 23d [1873]

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i will relate it to you when i come down to Washington I have lectured on my petition 3 years ever since left Washington for to get a home for the old colered people that have been living on the government ever since the war. The last time i was there they was feeding them on dry bread 600 hundred loaves to one ward it would be so much better for them to have a place where they could earn their own bread and have qaukers [i.e., Quakers] to see to it as they did to the Indians and it will be like the promised Land to them. for the old folks i have met lots of them in my travels distressed creatures and i want to know if you occupy the same position that you did when i was there 3 years ago the Lord has directed me to do this work and i want to come down there to carry it in effect i will semd you one my petition please answer as soon as possible so i will not be looking that way my love to you and family Believe me ever your my gr[an?]dson wrote this age 12 years Friend Sojouner Truth no[?...]llie Boyd I wonet wont Battle Creek [?...] there or if I could stop Michigan [?...] on [day?] or [to?] so i can have a [talk?] with [?...] ?e down there after the holidays write to me witho[ut fa?]iling