

Friend Samson

Ball's Creek Michigan Dec 23rd 1873

I have heard so much of you being in trouble and I thought I would write to you to get the true information of those things it troubles me I know those who went to walk in the right way like Jesus did must suffer persecutions I pray to God that you may live to overcome the persecutors I don't know how it is but what I hear people saying for you and against you But I speak in behalf of you knowing what you have done in behalf of my poor race I know the envy of some people like Saul's envy against Daniel but never the less it shall fall. As I understand it they want to hold you responsible for all the robbery that was in the bureau for I seen things taken belonging to the bureau taken and they went away to California a great many things I have seen a there what they have gathered up for their self I have often said that there would be one inquire more when I seen money go so blush I am glad the bureau did not pay me a hundred dollars a month as they did many others I never received cent from the bureau except what you and Captain [unclear] had nothing but my salary while the dollars a month. I feel thankful for what you I feel sorry for you I know you went to do a thing what is that I only get this by hear say and you know some people say things not as they are. Then for I want to know the particulars Ever since I seen you I have travelled through Rhode Island Massachusetts New York Ohio Michigan Wisconsin Illinois Iowa Missouri Kansas lecturing on my petition and my petition is to get home for the old faded people emancipated by the war

I will relate it to you when I come down to Washington
I have returned on my petition ^{you} 3 years since left Washington
for to get a home for the old colored 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 quarters to see to it as they did to the Indians
and it will be like the promised land to them. for the old
balks I have met lots of them in my towns 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 send you one copy of 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 eyes & ears write this age 12 years Friend S. J. S. Truth
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Battle Creek

Mich.

Dec. 23. 1873

Sarah S.

Frankly Carter

Ampl
Jan 26. 1874

Friend Howard

Battle Creek, Michigan Dec 23^d [1873]

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my gr[an?]dson wrote this age 12 years
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Believe me ever your
Friend Sojourner Truth
Battle Creek
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