

# A CALL

TO THE

## NEW-ENGLAND ANTI-SLAVERY CONVENTION.

The time is near when the faithful in New-England—the advocates and friends of liberty—should assemble, (in accordance with the unanimous vote of the last New-England Anti-Slavery Convention,) that they may strengthen and encourage each other by mutual counsel, sympathy and prayer, to steadfastness, and more vigorous exertion. There is need of these. The spirit of usurpation and impiety—the spirit of slavery—is struggling for the ascendancy over us. The abettors of our republican despotism are setting themselves up above all righteousness, above the Constitution of our country, above the authority of God. Slavery and Liberty cannot longer dwell, at peace, within the same borders. One or the other must depart from us. Southern Legislatures, in the true spirit of *their* institutions, have demanded of Northern Legislatures to suppress by penal enactments *freedom of speech and of the press*; and have even had the audacity to suggest, that *our white laboring population OUGHT TO BE ENSLAVED!* Let us therefore, in the spirit of those, who founded *our* institutions, make known our determination to maintain the liberty of speech and of the press, that we may preserve our own freedom, and accomplish the deliverance of those who are in bondage.

Come, then, we entreat you, friends of humanity, impartial advocates of the rights of man, ye, who are not despisers of the poor and degraded, ye, who would avert from our guilty nation the displeasure of the Almighty, come ye to the great assembly! that we may strengthen each other's hands, and encourage each other's hearts, and take counsel together, and unitedly seek wisdom from on High, so that we may persevere in the use of the right means, until we have effected the abolition of Slavery, and placed the institutions of our country upon a true and enduring foundation.

Come from the forest and the field! Come, though you cast the axe behind you, and leave the plough in the half-turned furrow! Come from the crowded mart! Come from the busy din of the manufactory! Ministers of Christ, come up with the people of your charge, that millions, for whom he died, may not perish in our land for lack of 'that bread of life'! Come, one and all, in the name and strength of the Almighty; for the great question before us is, whether our bodies and souls are to remain free to serve Him and His cause, or to be made subservient to the will of those, who oppress the poor, and make merchandize of men!

The Convention, to which you are hereby invited, will be held in Boston, on the 24th of May next, at 10 o'clock A. M. and will continue its sessions through that and the next day. Distinguished abolitionists from other parts of the country are expected to be present—and friends of the cause in general are affectionately invited.

NAMES.

RESIDENCE.

Smith Butler	Burrillville - R. I.
Alfred Lapham	" "
Jonathan M. Steere	" "
Shadrach Steere	" "
Sands Brownell	" "
Buffum Chase	" "
Peter Blue	" "
Lebe Harris	" "
Joseph Galloupe	" "







Boston, March 19, 1836.

DEAR SIR:—

The present aspect of the anti-slavery cause admonishes us to relax no effort, that should be made, to convince our opposers, that we are in sober earnest—and that we are religiously resolved to persevere, at all hazards to ourselves, in the use of all christian means to effect the entire abolition of slavery. The friends here think it desirable, that the *call* for the approaching Convention should be signed by as many good names throughout the New-England States, as can be obtained. The obtaining of names has been left until this late hour, owing to a press of other business. Let me therefore beg you to lose no time, and to spare no pains, to get the names of all the true friends of the cause in your town and vicinity, subscribed to the call on the other part of this sheet, with the place of their residence. I hope you will be able to send me the Call with many names, by or before the 1st of May. Send it, if you can, by a private hand, but send it to me at any rate before the 5th of May. Or if you live in Rhode Island, send it to the care of Mr. William Drown, of Providence—if in Connecticut, to the care of Rev. Amos A. Phelps, of Farmington—if in Vermont, to the care of Rev. Orson S. Murray, of Brandon—if in New-Hampshire, to the care of John Farmer, Esq., of Concord—or if in Maine, to the care of Mr. Nathan Winslow, of Portland.

Yours, truly,

SAMUEL J. MAY.