

To the Honorable, the General Assembly of the State  
of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Whereas, the existence of Slavery and the Slave  
Trade, in the District of Columbia, is a gross  
violation of the inalienable rights of men; and

Whereas, the Convention of this State, which  
ratified the Constitution of the United States, did  
declare that a traffic tending to establish or  
continue the Slavery of any part of the human  
Species, was disgraceful to the cause of liberty  
and humanity; and

Whereas our Declaration of Independence, has  
established as self evident truths, the right  
of all men to life, liberty, and the pursuit  
of happiness; and that governments were  
instituted to secure these rights; and,

Whereas, Congress have power to exercise  
exclusive jurisdiction in all Cases whatsoever  
over said District;

The undersigned, citizens of the State of Rhode  
Island, would therefore respectfully pray, that  
your Honors would request the Senators and  
Representatives of this State, in the Congress of the  
United States, to use their utmost exertions, to obtain  
the passage of a law or laws, ~~admirably~~ ~~abolishing~~  
and the Slave Trade in said District

Thomas P. Richmond

Nathl. Gladding

Isaac Gladding Junr.

Benjamin B. Brown

John August

Wm Manchester

Wm B. Spooner

Albert S. Pearce

Hervey Bullings

Bibbings Waldron

John Waldron

Jonathan C. Waldron

Richard S. Waldron

Amos B. Bush

Silas Holmes

John Peckham

Henry Brown

Samuel P. Brown

Clark Taugher

Daniel Lindsey

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Newport.

Samuel Robbins  
Elisha M. Lawton

Rich. Shaw  
Gideon Tickham  
David M. Burdick  
H. C. Sherman

G. C. Adams  
Samuel Lotter  
Stephen Gould  
Elijah Anthony

Geo. C. Shaw  
Gideon Tickham  
Wm. J. Fullings  
W. H. Searcy

Arthur A. Wood  
Christopher Barker  
Wm. L. Loring

Rich. Sherman  
Edward Wakemba  
John Bush  
Isaac Barker  
Joseph Fish

Benjamin Clarke  
Stephen P. Barker  
Daniel H. Cummings  
Arnold M. Barker  
Charles B. Peckham  
Joseph Anthony  
Thomas J. Sheffield  
Peleg Thurston  
Thomas C. Wyatt

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January 2, 1837.

## Coventry

Wm. C. Clarke  
Joseph Sisson  
Rufell D. Gunn  
George Power  
Peter Peck  
Asa Sison  
Asa Sisson jr  
Alexander Hayward  
Daniel Williams  
Wm. Bassford  
Marinus Parker  
Daniel Anthony  
Smith Williams  
Joseph Chase  
Wm. J. Greer

John S. Hilton  
Francis Sweet  
Anthony Taylor  
Oren Spencer  
Jesse Cooke  
Charles Morse Jr  
Thomas D. Williams  
Oliver Williams  
Lambert Merrill  
Caleb Hilton  
Raymond Smith  
Benjamin B. Cowley  
Nicholas J. Gunn  
Benj. F. Parney  
John R. Allen

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J. R. Hunt  
Wm. J. Greer

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