I received your letter with great pleasure. The decision which it called upon me to make involved too much responsibility to admit of an immediate answer. I have pondered over it, and have come to the conclusion that I cannot promote the great cause more by staying here than by going at once.

When I came here last summer, there was not a single abolitionist in the Newbury region. From the first I have declared my sentiments in full rebuking the spirit of slavery in all its forms of expediency, armine, compromise, pride, prejudice, preconception, brutality, and last I have rebuked the spirit of colonization, its duplicity, its flattery of ignorance, its patriotism, and its sanction of enormous guilt. Its protection of the Free Black, its efforts to gag discussion and muzzle the Press, its denunciation against emancipation in that and all that makes it what it is. Will you overlook what has
it accomplished. I am not in this Seminary—more
than half of the talent and influence of the Institution is
with me. The local society here has had a continuous
session of the choice of officers, and the existing officers
have served all
in the same time since. When
the theological year
commenced five weeks since we had a large addition
to our number, and every one a colonist or settler, and
many from New State, and some close relations and
friends, who are already under conviction and
have at least sounded conviction. I told you why we
did not discuss the subject practically last term. The
colonists; we begged for time to get facts and prepare
this term. It is now fairly under weight and we are
to take it up in earnest next week. They are in the class
this brother of Robert S. Finlay, a brother of the
Princeton college five years ago and stayed in
colonization, is up to the eye of course. The last will have all the advocates which is all the better. I will write
you again in a few days and let you all the particular
of our admission. The strength of our society is
projected. Do not let any of these facts get into your
mind. When you hear from us again you will have
facts on the point. I forget to tell you that Prof. 
Morgan has abandoned his colonist-inn and
come over in the last minutes to this faculty to take the race grand
since I came here besides a number of miscellaneous
allegations this has been accomplished within
six months without any public discussion and while
I have been dealing in my study very nearly leaving
the institution except on the whole ten per cent for an hour
This then is in itself the state of things here. ought to lead

We are on the borders of a slave state on the limits of the
largest city of the West and the new hotbed of abolition
This is the most important institution in the Valley
within a year there will be probably 100 theological
students here. A strong abolition center in this Institute
and the region about it will influence the Slave State the
entire Valley more than a hundred cities in the state
of New York. All our abolition brothers here are
decided that I ought to stay here. Buren through the
Federal are a dead set against our cause and I
believe it would be impossible to maintain it with efficiency.
I should have. God in His Providence has given some influence in this Nebraska and in the West by
staying here for the present I understand I can give
the glorious cause to which our souls are pledged more
intellectual and the by another cause Maria
large colored Bible class of colored adults in the city
which I attend roll up Monday. I have ordained minister
belong to it. Expect need to start another for the other side
soon need my collection almost exclusively in effect to
publish and need my poor thin colored brethren. The Lord
is giving me a strong hold upon them here.
Why did you let the Emancipation go down? They made a
steady connection. One day in the good old Sam has left the
"diminishing till" and one plain to George has left it and will leave
it too. There is not a single dish water. By the way just don't a
favor, will you go and strike out these names from your subscription
list. T. D. Weld & H. B. Stanton 1000 0 0
Stanton has overpaid. I am in debt to it for two or three months
and think John Stanton is one way and paying the debt. Then
you will let him have it to the Anti-Slavery treasury.
This is another state request.

Psalmanez Hills

May 24, 1834
Elihu Kirkland
Secretary of the American
Anti-Slavery Society
New York City.