

I was kind to him and secured his good opinion by ^{314C} my efforts at peace. I so far prevailed, that the plaintiff agreed to withdraw the suit, whereupon I paid the costs, which amounted to \$11.⁵⁰, and after they all cordially made up, which I demanded as the condition of their release from custody we all went off, they on their way rejoicing & I with the consciousness of having done one good act in my life. When I saw the effect of my interference, by the joy depicted in their black faces when the magistrate told them they were free from custody, accompanied by their hearty "thankse master, you's a gentleman every inch or you, indeed you is Mr Wells" I stretched myself upright & thought a surfeit had been added to my stature. This was glory enough for one day. Inaugurate my stinted fare while.

I, you have read this letter with any degree of care you will gather facts by no means uninteresting. You will see how nicely hairhugging are the incidents which, trifling as they are, are nevertheless calculated to make or mar the scheme. It was you perceive at Hammond's request I left him. His words were "Mr Wells we must not travel together. The coloured people will not take it up if they see a white man with me." Well I left him - now see how strangely we were brought together. By the merest circumstance I encountered the 9 niggers. I plead for them. The report spread like wildfire all over the neighbourhood, the "Liberty man had 'em released." This was my card of introduction & where my presence was a week ago repulsive to them, I can now mingle with them with the utmost

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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