

my utmost to discom circumstances in his favor  
but the suspicion against him remains as strong  
as ever. He was up at the time the fire was dis-  
covered 3 o'clock A.M. and although there is dis-  
tinction to bring the crime directly home to him, yet  
the account which he gives of himself is proud to be  
entirely false. He states among other things that  
he saw five persons concerned in the affair, on  
getting out of the window, and had gone so far as  
to name certain white persons as the perpetrators.  
The destruction of property has been great, and  
the persons living in the house were in great danger  
of their lives. It will perhaps be most prudent  
not to mention the contents of this publication as it  
is written only for the purpose of explaining to you  
the reason why I am compelled on the eve of his  
departure to withhold the permission which otherwise  
I should have so freely given. Under the circumstan-  
ces I am sure you would consider him unworthy  
of becoming a critic of a free Republic, and that  
you would not knowingly be instrumental in send-  
ing out an alien character in to say the least, involv-  
ed in such dark suspicion.

In haste very respectfully yours  
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