

the whole brood of them socially, as well as politically, consigned
to the exclusive society of that class, whose interests they
profess to serve - but whose real well-being have been curried
by their insincere & perfidious support - ~~I consider their~~
~~touch~~ ~~contaminating~~ I think a better acquaintance with
these pretended friends would open the eyes of the cold
population, & result in their utter renunciation of them
& their championship - their touch is contaminating
to Black or White - rely upon ^{it} Sir Your Cause
will be sustained - you have the sympathies of the
masses - of the intelligent & patriotic of all classes -
who cherish a love of our common Country & its glorious
Institutions & who deprecate every thing that has a tendency
to divide our people, to promote discord & sever the
ties of our political & social Union -

Yours most truly
S. W. Parker

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Hon. James Monroe

Sir

As one of your Constituents permit me
to thank you from the bottom of my heart, for the course you
took ^{a few days since} upon the slavery question, that prolific theme of Fanatics &
Impracticables, so inopportune thrust before the Legislature
of this State, by a set of creatures who have been unwisely
entrusted with power to do mischief in that body, & whose
sole aim wherever they are is to agitate the public mind,
& public Councils, if possible, with that everlasting never
ending theme of Political Enthusiasts, called Slavery -
One would suppose to hear these deluded men (the term
deluded however only applies to a part of the class, not to the
leaders & principal operators) ranting upon their favourite topic
that the only interest in the State & nation, & the only
subject worthy of a moment's consideration in our whole
Land, related to the question of Slavery - all other
questions & interests must give way - it supersedes &
overrides every thing else - all Legislation in State & Nation
must stop till they have "footed us to ^{the very top of their bent} their full bent" -
Their empty resolves relative to California & our other new Territory
had some little show of significance & point, before the People
of California resolved themselves to prohibit Slavery upon her

Soil, & before the inhabitants of other portions of our Western Territory manifested a like proclivity — but the crazy zeal they evince now, to instruct Senators, & request Representatives in Congress, to adopt Provisions, and all sorts of restrictions annoying to our Brethren of the South in reference to their Territories, would be farcical, & excite no feeling but pity or Contempt, were there not a wicked & malicious motive clearly visible behind this seeming phrensy — there is method in all their madness — the truth is they seek no practical effect as regards the institution of Slavery — no favourable result is anticipated by this eternal agitation — no propitiations, or salutary consequences are expected ^{by them} to flow into the troubled Cauldron of public feeling — for when did these champions of freedom, friends par excellence of the slave, ever do anything exactly adapted to promote real liberty, or benefit the black man — did they do it when they ~~do it~~ when they helped to elect Mr. Polk & thereby secured the annexation of Texas — did they do it when they voted for Martin Van Buren & thereby almost elected Cass — did they do it by supporting as they almost always do Locofoco Candidates for Office — did their leaders in Congress do it recently in voting against Winthrop for Speaker — But why multiply examples of their perfidy to the Cause of true, genuine & practical

freedom — the inconsistency & hollow heartedness of these fermentors of discord is proverbial — they are as false in principle as they are selfish & malicious at heart — their only object is to keep up an organization ~~legislative~~ ^{to excite & agitate} of their duped & deluded followers, to continue ^{the agitation} of the Country & exasperate the South, either till the Union is dissolved or they shall be taken up into & placed at the head of one or the other of the two great political parties to guide its destiny & feed upon the spoils — I hope to god Mr. Whig will give ~~them~~ the miserable creatures aid or comfort or countenance for a moment longer — they have been tolerated long enough — the timeserving policy towards them only emboldens & encourages them to make further advances — I want to see them & their treason breathing resolutions discarded & treated with the contempt they deserve — I want to see every thing emanating hereafter from these slimy, selfish, treacherous abolitionists, on the subject of Slavery, presumptively summarily & promptly cast under the Table & themselves treated with silent Contempt — I hope no one in State Legislatures, or Congress will ever again reply to an abolition speech, & I should rejoice to see