

Marshpee, Sep. 18. 1835.

Rev. & Dear Sir,

On reflection, I have thought that in the hurry of conversation I might not have expressed sufficiently ^{^ my} feelings of benevolence & conciliation towards all the coloured population of Mashpee, I beg leave to state to you, I request you to state to the meeting, if you think proper, that I cherish no ill-will against any one—but on the contrary feel an unfeigned regard for their welfare in all respects—that I have never bestowed my time or labour upon others by preference—that I have always wished more intercourse with the Indians, than I could seem to gain, & as I understand that this is one ground of complaint—I hesitate not to declare explicitly & undeservedly my willingness to wish to do all for their temporal or spiritual good that my abilities or strength will permit if they will point out any method with in my power to serve them, I will readily comply. I will visit their families—or instruct them in Bible-clases—or hold meeting with ^{^ them} for religious improvement—or for the promotion of useful knowledge, of every kind, to the best of my ability, if the permifsion can only be obtained.

You can use this or not Sir, as seems most proper. I have often expressed the same sentiments of good will - but if ~~they~~ they are serious in making this

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allegation, the difficulty can easily be removed. I forgot to mention to you that if any thing was in the meeting of notoriety, you will be so kind as to inform me.

Yours very respectfully
Phineas Fish.

P.S. I have arranged in exchange for the next Sabbath, which I will gladly defer—if ~~you~~ there could be any probability that you could have on that day & favour us by preaching at the time.

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Rev. Dr. Walker

Mr. Fish's Letter to Mr. Walker
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