

making a final effort, the ensuing Spring, to send them all to the free States, if we can obtain adequate funds.

We have the promise of 600 Dollars from Friends of Philadelphia, and 500 from New York, and about \$500. in hand, and are informed that Indiana Friends are raising some for us, we know not what sum may be.

We have the promise of assistance from Friends in England, but we know not how much. We know not how much our Law Suits may yet cost us; if our opponents should conclude to drop the Suits, and pay their own Cost, provided we will pay ours, which we have thought would be better than to continue in litigation with them any longer.

The whole Cost of the five Suits, will probably be near a thousand Dollars, or it may be more, but if they should stand Suits, and we gain them, they will have to pay their own Cost, and the legal part of ours, which would of course make ours several hundred less. We calculate from what the 133 Cost us, that we sent away last Fall, that it will require \$3,000. more than we have in hand, and stipulated sums promised, to pay all the expense of our Law Suits, and the expense of sending the 280 persons of Colour now under our care to free Governments. Could we obtain this sum, by the first, or middle of the 4th Mo. next, we think we would move them all to the free States the ensuing Spring; we should much prefer their going to Liberia, but it would require a greater amount of Funds than we feel freedom to propose to our distant brethren, it would cost more than three times the above

sum, agreeably to what the Board of Managers informed us of their terms last Fall. We should feel greatly relieved in mind, if we could redeem them from slavery, for Slaves they are, and will be, if they continue in this; although we do not hold them as Slaves, yet they are so in the eye of the Law, and we know not but they may be soon wrested violently from us, and sold into personal, and perpetual slavery; even if they were kidnapped, or carried off before our faces, we are informed by the Chairman of the Supreme Court, through our Attorney, that it would be in vain for us to attempt to establish our title; he also advised us to keep it among ourselves as much as possible, lest it should become public, and lawless Kidnappers should wrest them from us; in such a case State Officers might interfere for the sake of their lawful Fees and their part of the sale of the Slaves for the benefit of the State.

We crave the Christian sympathy, and aid of our distant Brethren, in our final effort, to deliver these Colour people under our care, from a state of perpetual and inevitable Slavery, as we believe a gracious providence has favoured us so far in this great work, we hope he will still continue his blessing upon it, until it is finally consummated; then, we expect to publish a digest of all the monied concerns belonging to it, and probably a history of the most remarkable transactions, and events, relative to the subject.

A deep and weighty concern for the danger that our poor Colour people are in, of being reduced to Slavery, and in tender