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Washington City, October 1857.

Gentlemen.

I had the pleasure duly to receive your letter of the 14th of July; to which I should have replied long since, but that at the time of its receipt I was loaded down with sorrow, and when that was removed by the action of the Executive my health required that I should leave the City for a while, and my return I have been too unwell to write a letter even to you.

For the zeal and interest displayed by you in behalf of my oppressed children, their father must ever feel the liveliest gratitude. He has struggled hard to divest himself of all bitter feeling towards that weak, if not unjust Judge. Happily for him he had kind, warm-hearted and influential friends here, who did all that lay in their power to remedy the evil that was inflicted upon him, and they were successful.

It will be a subject of great joy to my nation to know that men of standing like yourself, and that others in high places see the evils under which we labor and are disposed to assist us. What ^{can} ~~could~~ be more unjust than that we should be dragged to distant points for trial, far beyond the reach of our witnesses and friends, for every alleged infraction of the white man's rights; and placed in the power of a Judge, as my children were, whose every prejudice is against us, and every sympathy in favor of the whites, - let them be never so degraded. Through the influence of such men as are now on our side, the protecting shield of the law, we trust, will soon be thrown over us, and the whites, when come to dwell with us and to share our hospitality and property, be no longer left free to rob, ^{and trample upon} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~destroy~~ ^{and} ~~us~~ and then laugh in our faces.

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With great respect,
Your Most ob. Serv.
P. P. P.