Hon. Frederick Douglass
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Recognizing the conspicuous position which for nearly half a century you have sustained in wards questions of great interest and moment, to all the citizens of this Republic—the courage, zeal, and unswerving devotion, which has characterized your discussions of these questions, during periods of national excitement and peril—and desiring to hear again the voice which has so often been raised in behalf of freedom, union and peace, we respectfully and cordially invite you to deliver a public lecture in this place, at such times and upon such topics as you may designate—

Hoping that it may consist with your pleasure and convenience to accept this invitation, and to name an early day, when we may have the privilege of extending to you our deliberations and hospitalities—

We are, Sir,

Sincerely your friends

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May 1, 1888.

William Hoyt