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Lysander Spooner

Dear Sir,

I have received your "Plan for the Abolition of Slavery", the same I think that you shew me in Mo.s some weeks since, ; being much engaged then, I did not give it much consideration; now that I have it before me in point, with the form of a petition apended, I have more fully considered it, and I ought to tell you, why I cannot accept your "Plan," or your ""League."

I believe that the doctrine of Now-Resistance is true; altho' I have not been able to practice it, because of my early training, & long habits to the contrary; therefore, I made no professions in that direction, fearing that the force of habit would break them.

I have arrived at my three score and tenth year:— have labored a quarter of a century with the Garrisonians, to put an end to slavery. I accept most fully their plans of operation; I am loaded down to the gunwales with teir apparatus, & have no money to spare in other directions; — I do not doubt, but that I shall stand by them, as long as I shall be able to stand anywhere. I shall neither encourage, or discourage you, because I know your motives are true to your own light, and convictions of duty; I wish every one was as true, to the light and faith within them.

I have but little strength left, but if I had ever so much, I could not ask, or encourage others to go, where I was not ready and willing to go myself.

With sincere respect and esteem,
Francis Jackson