But the Liberty party came into existence with a view to abolish slavery, restore Liberty and justice to all which the other parties, whatever their differences on other matters, have united in taking away. I repeat it, this act of theirs gave rise, as well as made it absolutely necessary, that it should come into being, and this alone gave it existence.—And as it grows larger it waxeth bolder and bolder, in accomplishing these ends. I need not then ask what position we occupy to these parties, the two particularly against us and so tied up that they cannot, and remain one and identical, if they had the disposition, do any thing for us, the other having its existence in the necessity and extremity of our case. I hope, then dear brethren, that if you cannot see your way clear to do any thing for this one party, that you will for the sake of our character and name before the civilized world, do nothing that can even from inference be construed against it. Should the question come up and were I present, my own line of duty would be plain and what you may infer from the tone and spirit of this hasty letter.

But I do not ask you to do what I might, if matters were left wholly to me. Hoping that God may direct in your deliberations, and give you wisdom from above,

I subscribe myself Respectfully,

Yours, truly, in great haste.

CHARLES B. RAY.

New York, Sep. 17, 1844.

To the President of the State Convention, convened at Schenectady, on the 18th inst.

The subscriber through you, sir, begs the privilege to state, that having, in connection with others, the responsibility imposed upon him of representing the city of New York, in your honorable and important convocation, deeply regrets that in consequence of severe indisposition, he is denied the anticipated happiness of discharging that responsibility, by participating in your intrinsically important deliberations.

This circumstance, unimportant to others, and to the noble cause for the promotion of which you are convened, causes anxiety to myself, that my brethren of the city of my earliest and some of my most pleasant recollections and associations, may be apprised of the cause of my absence, and further, that the noble, the disinterested band of patriots and