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Dear friend,

Your scheme would be a good one of it were only practicable.

But so far as my experience goes, neither in the east not in the west, could you find enough to enlist in it to save the attempt for being ridiculous.

And you see of course in any considerable number did rally round you it would be treason & the Govt would at once move & array all its power to ___ the enterprise – before it made head enough to be able to compete with an organised despotism like ours.

In such circumstances I cannot see any present availability or else, in the proposal shall I always hasten to your own development of your ___ is the intersect or respect & sometime we will spend an hour & talk it over.

Yours truly,
Wendell Phillips.

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