

June 17, 1842
Elihu Burritt to "Dear Sir"

[No addressee]

Worcester [Massachusetts]
June 17th 1842

Dear Sir,

I have just received yours of the 9th, and hasten to say in reply, that I should like well to visit your Island, even aside from the object your propose. I have no series of lectures upon one subject, nor do I pretend to be a lecturer; but if you thought that I might contribute to the furtherance of your object by reading two or three or more lectures before your Association, I should prefer to do it in October above any other time. With regard to terms, I never think of them; let that be a matter of your own convenience and pleasure; and I hope that you will not bestow any thought upon that consideration at all. I am willing to use my tongue for the same price that I would swing my hammer; and I am sure you will admit that I have reason to adopt this standard, where you come to hear me. With regard to subjects, I can hardly tell what I can present you; I intend to write two or three lectures before October, when I can give you the choice of those that I may then have.

Yours Very Respectfully,

Elihu Burritt