

[Letter John G. Fee to Elihu Burritt, June 16, 1862]

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Elihu Burritt

Dear friend I heard sometime since of a lecture of yours on the question of the war – proposals for peace– perhaps it was a written article.

I desire to see what is from your pen & especially on this subject.

I have taken no active part in the matter.     [Space in original] Perhaps when assailed, in government capacity, we may & might defend or subdue [crossed out words] if needs be by a police force. But to fight the South & foster her slavery – that which feeds the rebellion – is greatest folly – I feel that the way to save blood, or shed least, is to proclaim freedom to the slaves.

It's possible the rebels would emancipate with compensation, but not probable

Will you send me any propositions you have – what would you suggest?

Yours paternally

John G Fee

My son – eldest— named Burritt is a noble Christian boy doing well in school

J.G.F.