

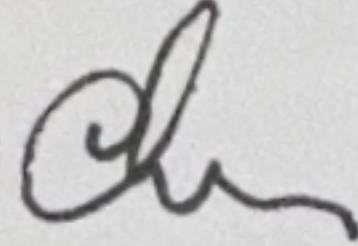


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TO: Elizabeth Glass-Lillie
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FROM: Christopher Densmore 

RE: Barak Smith and the Underground Railroad

"Should any fugitive slave or wayfaring Abolition lecturer stray hither [Collins], he will find Isaac Allen, Barak Smith, Bernard Cook, Timothy Smith and a few others, ready to harbour, conceal, advise and assist him."

This is from a letter dated February 4, 1852, and printed in the *National Anti-Slavery Standard* of March 11, 1852. The letter is apparently by Stephen Symons Foster, husband of Abigail Kelley and written when Foster, Kelley and Sallie Holley were lecturing across New York State for the American Anti-Slavery Society. S.S. Foster was one of the most caustic of the abolitionist lectures, and quite ready to condemn anyone that he didn't feel was at least 99% in the right on the slavery issue. He seems to have specialized in denouncing churches of all varieties for not being sufficiently anti-slavery.

Photocopy enclosed.