



FREDERICK, MD.,

July 16th 1880

Hon. Edw. M. Pherson
Washington D.C.

Dr. Sir:

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having a grand Emancipation Celebration on
the 18th of Aug. and desire to secure the services
of some able and distinguished speakers, of
their own Race from abroad. They have requested
me to enquire of you as to whether you can give
them the names of some whom you think they
can likely procure. They want men who will
forcibly present the great blessings the Race has
received through Emancipation and the Re-
publican Party. I am asked to enquire whe-
-ther you know Mr. Isaiah C. W. of Phil^a and
what your estimate of him is. Your early
answer will oblige.

Yours very truly
Wm. G. W. W.

Milton George Urner

Autograph Letter Signed from a Maryland Congressman Searching for Black Speakers for a "Grand Emancipation Celebration" 1880

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One page. Measuring 8" x 9½". Fine. Old folds from mailing, else fine. Letter sent by Urner from Frederick, Maryland dated July 16, 1880 to Hon. Edward McPherson. Two-term Maryland Congressman Urner inquires of McPherson, a two-term Pennsylvania Congressman, newspaper editor, and later director of the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Association, for recommendations for black speakers:

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