Jones, H. H. Garnit, of Troy; T. Woodson, of Utica; S. H. Davis, of Buffalo.

The chairman appointed the following a committee on finance, viz., W. W. Brown, J. H. Platt, and J. Jeffrey.

The chair also announced the following persons a committee on the
condition of the colored people, viz., J. N. Gloucester, of New York,
chairman: Theo. S. Wright, of do; W. C. Munro, of Detroit; A. H.
Francis, of Buffalo; W. H. Yancey, of Cincinnati; and S. Talbot, of
Lockport.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the Convention adjourned
to meet at the hour appointed.

Afternoon Session.—The Convention met as per adjournment. The
President in the chair. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Davis, of Canada. The
Convention united in singing a liberty song.

The roll was then called and the minutes of the previous meeting
were read and approved.

The chairman of the committee on finance reported the following
resolution:

Resolved, That a collection be taken up during each session, also at the evening
meetings, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Convention; the dedi-
ciency, whatever it may be, to be made up by the members.

The resolution was adopted.

The resolution pending at the hour of adjournment was called up, and
a motion made for its reference to a select committee. The motion was
lost.

Charles Lenox Remond then obtained the floor, and proceeded to
discuss the original resolution, taking the same view of the question
as above stated. The previous question was then called for and sustained,
when the question was put and the vote ordered to be taken by the
yeas and nays. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:
McIntire, H. H. Garnit, T. Woodson, B. S. Anderson, J. Fountain, J.
W. Duffin, J. Jeffrey, H. H. Garnit, W. Sanders, W. Johnson, A.


The following persons were excused from voting, some on the ground
that not having heard but partially the discussions, they were not pre-
pared to decide; others on the ground that the discussions had produced
conviction in their minds for and against the question, and they wished
not to be excused from voting, viz., T. S. Wright, N. Polk, H. W. John-
son, H. Powell, J. P. Jackson, J. Granbius, W. Francis, A. H. Francis,

The business committee reported, by their chairman, H. H. Garnit,
an address to the slaves of this land, prepared for the occasion, which
was read and accepted.

C. B. Ray moved its reference to a select committee of five, of which
he hoped Mr. Garnit, whose production the address was, would be the
chairman. Mr. Ray remarked, that his object in moving its reference
to a committee was, that it might pass through a close and critical ex-
amination, and perceiving some points in it that might in print appear
objectionable, to have it somewhat modified, and also that it might pro-
ceed forth from a special committee, of which the author should be the
chairman, and thus receive the usual credit due to chairman of com-
mittees presenting documents to public bodies.

H. H. Garnit arose to oppose the motion of reference, and anticipat-
ing more than was contemplated by the mover, and fearing the fate of
the address, if the motion prevailed, proceeded to give his reasons why
the motion should not prevail, and why the address should be adopted
by the Convention, and sent out with its sanction; in doing which Mr.
Garnit went into the whole merits of the case. He reviewed the abom-
nable system of slavery, showed its mighty workings, its deeds of dark-
ness and of death—how it robbed parents of children, and children of
parents, husbands of wives; how it prostituted the daughters of the
slaves; how it murdered the colored man. He referred to the fate of
Denmark Vesey and his accomplices—not Turner; to the burning of
McIntosh, to the case of Madison Washington, as well as to many
other cases—to what had been done to move the slaveholders to let go
their grasp, and asked what more could be done—if we have not waited
long enough—if it were not time to speak louder and longer—to take
higher ground and other steps. Mr. Garnit, in this speech, occupied
nearly one hour and a half; the role having been suspended to allow
him to proceed. It was a masterly effort, and the whole Convention,
full as it was, was literally infused with tears. Mr. Garnit concluded
amidst great applause.

Frederic Douglass, not concurring with certain points in the ad-
ress, nor with the sentiments advanced by Mr. Garnit, arose to advo-
cate its reference to the committee, and also to reply to Mr. Garnit. Mr.
Douglass remarked, that there was too much physical force, both in
the address and the remarks of the speaker last up. He was for trying
the moral means a little longer; that the address, could it reach the
slaves, and the advice, either of the address or the gentleman, be fol-
lowed, while it might not lead the slaves to rise in insurrection for
liberty, would, nevertheless, and necessarily be the occasion of an insurrection;
and that was what he wished in no way to have any agency in bringing
about, and what we were called upon to avoid; and therefore, he hoped
the motion to refer would prevail.

Mr. Garnit arose to reply, and said that the most the address said in
sentiment, with what the gentleman excepted to, was, that it advised
the slaves to go to their masters and tell them they wanted their liberty,
and had come to ask for it; and if the master refused it, to tell them,
then we shall take it, let the consequence be what it may.

Mr. Douglass said, that would lead to an insurrection, and we were
called upon to avoid such a catastrophe. He wanted emancipation in
a better way, as he expected to have it.

The question of reference was further discussed by James N. Glou-
chester, taking the same view of the case with Mr. Douglass; and by
Wm. C. Munro, who opposed its reference, concurring fully in the
views expressed by Mr. Garnit.