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Dear Representative Bates:

Enough is enough and the attached is too much.

The negro is no longer looking for equal rights but now wants (and in some fields have already secured) special privileges

Their leaders have admitted this publicly and privately.

The crime rate among negroes - their ideas of murderice - their sex crimes etc. etc. are grim evidence of the fact that as a group they are not equals -

As a matter of fact, I recall visiting people in Virginia - just outside Washington D.C. - some six years ago our first thought was to visit the capitol. Our friends worried us not to stay there after dark because of the negro situation - that it just wasn't safe.

I felt then so I do now that the situation was pretty far out of hand when the capital of the country was unsafe because the negroes could not be controlled.

Now the situation is as bad or worse in every major city

Are those the people you would have us contract with - associate with and work with?

Too, when the Federal government can tell me I must associate with people of poor character - whatever their race - or that I must contract with them or face charges of discrimination I feel that liberty is indeed dead or dying and that we are holding for a fascist or dictator form of government

Very truly yours

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Dear

Having lived in Washington for a good many years I can well understand the essence of your recent letter.

It is true, of course, that the negroes have been deprived of certain legitimate rights in various portions of the country. I do believe, however, that it is necessary to keep all things in [perspective] and to make certain that we do not accord to them rights which are denied to others; for instance, a group of them are presently encamped in Lafayette Park across the street

from The White House. This is not a camping area and I believe that they should be removed. I would feel the same way regardless of who might be inclined to do the same thing. Although I have voted [for a] wide range of Civil Rights Bills, I fail to see the justice in coddling people when they deliberately abrogate the law.

With kindest regards, I am
Sincerely yours,

William H. Bates