

634 Cleveland Court
Montgomery 8, Ala.
Dec. 23, 1955

Dear Anne:

Thanks for the kind letter from you about the news of my arrest of Dec. 1 in a city bus incident. I am sorry to have been this long answering. I do appreciate so much your concern of me at this time, for friends are needed now more than ever.

The colored people here are still not riding the buses. Private car pools and taxi cabs are co-operating to help under very trying conditions. The police are arresting drivers on the least provocation, in some cases for nothing. We have mass meetings twice each week to raise funds to use for gasoline and other expenses. It is costing more than \$350.00 daily to help people go to and from their jobs.

My best regards to Myles, Gilphia and other Highlander friends. I meant to write them and send a contribution to the school. W.

Perhaps this crisis will pave the way for some action later on.

I am still working very hard at the store and will not celebrate Christmas the usual way. My extra money is going in the transportation fund.

The bus company and City officials refused to meet our terms, which we think reasonable. They are: Courtesy from drivers, no reserved seats for anyone, Colored bus drivers on predominantly Colored routes.

I must close now. I also had a letter from Esau Jenkins. I was glad to hear that Jack Painter has been active in NAACP work.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you dear friends.

Sincerely yours,

Rosa L. Parks