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For myself, I can see no need of change of any kind in our office. We have excellent printers, a careful clerk, and a most faithful superintendent in the person of that good old man, Isaac T. Flopper. We all work hard for moderate wages; and J. S. Gibbons has for two years worked like a cart-horse, for nothing. You talk about sending S. J. May "to man the breach, if Flopper & Gibbons cannot do it." I know of no breach to man. If you mean dissolution of the Union, I should judge, from a letter I have just received, that I should need to strengthen him on that subject. He says he regrets exceedingly that the question was ever broached in the anti-slavery society. I should love to be near S. J. May, either in this world or the next; but, as I said before, I see no breach for him to man. We are getting on a good, firm foundation here, so far as the newspaper is concerned; and need nothing but to be let alone.

I feel a very strong reluctance to having Collins here. I have not the slightest objection to him; but we should not jee together. I probably could not co-operate with him for a single month.

The Society ought deliberately to decide what is the line of policy they want pursued; and then, in order to have unity in it, contradictory characters ought not to be put to work together.

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I again repeat that it is matter of perfect indifference to me what course the society decide it is best for their own interest to pursue, with regard to the Standard, or any other subject. Whenever their views come in the way of my individual freedom, I shall, as quietly as possible, exert the right to subtract a unit from the aggregate. It may be a cipher; but it cannot, and shall not, be placed to the right or the left, to diminish the value of another unit, or add to it, according to the vote of majorities.

With regard to Mr. Child's coming here, in the employ of any society, I should feel the strongest opposition to it. I am not his ruler, and more than he is mine; but if he felt it to be his duty to take such a step, I should feel under the necessity of withdrawing from the Standard, and taking up some other employment for support.

I trust my plainness of speech will not look like any estrangement of feeling toward you; for there certainly is none. You know we always differed on certain points. I never could enter into your partisan spirit; never could see that we were bound to conceal all the faults of our own side, while we blazoned all those of our opponents. This seems to me too much in the spirit of "Our Country, right or wrong!"

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