

Duminy Sept. 7. 1839.

My Dear Friend.

I wish to send you to  
have the notice of the N. R. Meeting  
put into the Liberator, among the  
notices - with the particulars of time  
& place - to be continued till the  
meeting. The same particulars of  
time & place should be signified in  
the next N. R. - if peradventure we  
be got out before the meeting.  
Has Garrison done anything about  
his Annual Report? Pray see  
to it & put him up to it or we  
shall be left in the lurch.  
Has he done anything about the  
preparation of business for the  
meeting? He is chairman of that  
committee & you are one of it -  
pr' thees let this be attended



to in time. There is but about  
a fortnight before the meeting.

I have rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from  
Gen<sup>l</sup> Smith in reply to my invita-  
tion, alleging his health & private  
business as insuperable obstacles to  
his attendance. He says "I am  
ashamed - I am pained - not to say  
alarmed that my mind should be so  
~~ignorant & unacquainted~~ ignorant & unacquainted in relation to  
such topics." I had a very delightful  
visit the other day from Mr. May & Mr.  
Alcott & very good talk. He told me  
of an interesting case of a young man  
in R.I. - a grandson of Gen. Greene, who  
was educated at Westpoint & held a  
commission in the Army a year or so  
ago & who was then bitterly opposed to  
all the fanaticisms of the day; but who  
has become a thorough Abolitionist &  
non-resistant. He will probably be  
at our Annual Meeting. I have written  
to him to urge his coming. Mr. M. says  
that at the last meeting of his Association  
the subject of N.R. was the topic of discussion



& a majority accepted the doctrines.  
Yesterday I spent at Hingham & had  
very good N. R. talk with the Smiths  
& Anna Thaxter. The latter has fully  
rec<sup>d</sup> the faith. Miss Charlotte Bradford of  
Luxury arrived while I was there, being  
so far on her way to the Anniversary.  
I doubt not of our having a good attendance.

What a curious blunder W<sup>m</sup> Goodell  
made about the N. E. Convention of '37 &  
Loring's murder. His sectarianism  
seems to blunt men's intellects as well  
as stupify their consciences & deaden their  
hearts. - Is it known what measures have been  
taken in Court to ensure the slaves at  
Hartford fair play at their trial? Are  
the Court Abolitionists to be defended and  
no pains or money should be spared -  
not only for the sake of the unhappy  
men themselves - but that the worst  
may be made of an opportunity which  
may never occur again of having  
the great principles of Freedom proclaimed  
so that the whole land will ring with  
them. Should not the Mass. Abolitionists  
bestir themselves in the matter - at  
least enough to learn whether the



Needful has been done? Pray think it  
over & set the springs in motion, if you  
judge best. We should never forgive  
ourselves if through our carelessness the  
management of their affairs fell into  
the hands of such lawyers as Latham was  
appointed to defend them, & if they should  
fail in ought that could be done for  
them. But what you do do quickly  
for the Court sits in about a week  
& their trial will doubtless be hurried  
on as soon as possible. No 3

I hope you take some maternal  
interest in the poor little Non-Resisting  
a No. was due today w<sup>t</sup>. I have not  
rec<sup>d</sup>, so I take it for granted that it  
is behindhand as usual. I despair  
of its punctual appearance until we  
have a person whose business it is to  
see to it. Will you not get out  
to see me one more before I return  
to town? Should you see H. C. Wright  
remind him of his promise to visit  
me. He w<sup>o</sup>nt want some rest  
from his labors & do not think he can  
find a guiltier place than the shades of  
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