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Weymouth April 15 1851
Tuesday afternoon
Dear Anne,

I rise from my bed of languishing, having come to a little, for in imitation of Ann Perry & Mrs Sheriff Erelath I betook myself to my bed. I have only been up to my meals since Saturday night, a violent attack of headache, or a severe nervous attack & just as you please to call it. I am now getting better but still rather low. I wrote in such haste & agitation from Boston that I can't remember what I said, but as you are true lovers, you will prefer all sorts of repetition, to losing one fact. Mary Chapman has shown a great deal of interest & spent in this matter - for her - & talked very reasonably & feelingly. She has not acted so well about any thing for this long time - to be sure it was not coming upon her, but she faced the people at the court house among & Appleton's &c with the greatest intrepidity. My private opinion was that Theodore Parker shrunk in the wetting, I don't think he was afraid, but his last sermon did not fit on to the one in which he said he would

heads, & haul a mob. I did not
think he stood by Wendell, neither
did Ann Perry - At a time when every
thing practicable was doing for a res-
cue, & ^{in case Sumner was refused} to force the ~~project~~ to bring
out every thing he could command
it was no time for Parker to preach
peace. We were so far successful that
Sumner was carried off in the grey of the
morning, with 11 companies under arms
in Faneuil Hall, & 300 of the police of
Boston, armed to the teeth. Sam Sewell
was true blue - I fought framing
with rage - Wendell says whether
Rantoul is sincere or not is none of
his (his) business, but he (Rantoul) fought
as if his own life was at stake, nothing
could exceed his earnestness. It was
the same with Lovins, who appeared to
feel deeply - The Committee of Vigilance
did ^{as well} as they knew how, & if the
thing could have been done would
have got up a rescue - But people
are not much for a rescue who are
to contributions to bribe a man. Austin
Beane thought the Capt of the Acorn
& Sumner & himself go ashore. I warmly
advocated this if it could be done,
but told Wendell I knew the man
would never consent. Wendell was
going as high as \$5,000. Wendell Flavery
& I were the only ones who would
resort to bribery. Francis Johnson would
give \$500 to Wendell, to use as he (W)
pleased, but would have nothing
to do with bribery himself - Flavery would
not give a cent any how for such a
purpose. I now let me give Wendell
his due, I never saw a man behave
better under such circumstances in

in my life, for (2) he was having
 his first experience - He expected
 people would stand by him better,
 he thought the country people would
 rush in - Wendell did not say a
 word to this effect, but I knew
 it from my own observation & what
 I picked from Ann Terry - but let
 it neither discouraged or depressed
 him - & he appeared as well when
 every thing was lost, as he did at
 the beginning -

No shade of fear or weak despair
 blended with indignant sorrow there,
 I suspect that his brothers feel
 dreadfully, but this is only guess &
 suspicion - I will end by repeating
 that it was by far the worst time
 I ever got through with. I never
 saw any thing equal to Ann Terry's
 grit, they were up night & day, &
 one night when a row was struck by
 anticipated, she asked Wendell off
 with the knowledge that if he got
 off alive, he was to run for Halifax
 & she was to join him there or in England.
 I went over to see Mrs Parks, to pick up
 what I could from her, but she was
 sick a bed. The Mays were true grit.
 Saw his wife & mother. Madam May

⑧ got to the wharf in time to see
the Acorn sail. Garrison behaved
no how as did Edmund - Edmund
appeared to be afraid to speak to me
but in whirl of affairs he saw Ann &
& this was the way. Between 9 & 10 Wendell
was called out, & Ann kept Castle
Dangerous in this style. All doors were
opened, & she lay on her bed or stood
at her chamber door, & conversed
with all comers, after a time there was
a ring & a man was admitted, who's
there halloved she, Dr. Weston she
thought was the answer, but not
being sure, she roared out is it Her-
vey? - yes - come up then - so up
he came, her hair hanging over her
shoulders, the bed not made & every
thing to correspond. He delivered his
business & went - then came Edmund
& the same forenoon went on which
ended with ^{her} ~~rejoicing~~ rousing down,
Wendell's out - so you may come
up, & she cleared a spot for him,
he tried to entertain her & told her
he had not seen her since Emma
went. He said Mrs Josiah had had
a letter from her son full of what
Mr Chapman had done for him, she
had put him in a week or 10 days into

of her face — I am (4) going to send them
 some cake instantly, to get them into the
 way of eating between meals — Mary at
 first laid Mrs Grafton's sickness to heart
 but the importance of her situation soon
 reconciled her, Dr Clarke told Mrs G.
 she had a cancer in the womb, & there
 was no hope for her, Jo & Josephine have
 been sent for, all her children & Mr G.
 say it much to heart — Mary soon Joseph-
 ines last letter, by the way her mother's
 sickness has been carefully concealed
 from her, Mrs Lawrence has been very
 kind to her, took her to Lord Palmerstone's
 great hall — if hall it was & introduced
 her to Lord John Russell & she saw
 Shakeray — keep all close that I
 say of Wendell standing alone, for he
 says in the handsomest manner how
 much every body has done, there has
 been no open vision between him & me, so
 to speak, Ann & I bathed it over, I
 found all well here, but Aunt Phoebe
 she has a very bad colic as I knew she
 would, but is not down sick with it —
 Sarah Goring is very bad with a colic
 has had it three weeks — your letter
 came this morning about the sugar barrel
 I copy from the barrel | gross 239 |
 I saw Jo Richetson in | tare 20 |
 Boston — Sally certainly has her prints, | net 219 |

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she takes the strongest anti-slavery
ground & has got a hardened old
pro-slavery sea captain into a good
way - It is a great thing to be afraid
of nothing - J. H. Clifford has I sup-
-pose died in public about this unit
of replevin, so said nothing of it - it was
not out then - I shall write to A. B.
about it - Willie & Henry Bowditch
have done well. What should you
think, says Wendell, to see me & Nat
Colver & a number of others running
through the streets after Bacon & Co. raising
out, slave catcher, slave hunter &c.
Parker's fast sermon was very good. It
lasted all the part, & every body set
it out. It was crowded to suffoca-
-tion seats in the aisle &c, at the meeting
on at the Tremont Temple which was crowd-
-ed - not a police man there but floges
all the rest at the city baracoon as
it is now called, the order was well
kept. Some people came in to try
to make mischief, & they were put
out with great despatch. Polie saw
a man kicked from the gallery door
into the street - The peaceable notice
of the anti-slavery meetings was gone.
Colver I think it was called out there
a virginian - give him something to
remember, meaning for the speakers to
say something suitable to hear, but
there was a great outcry of out with
him - every body in the building rose
to their feet - there was a great mob
to where the man stood, but no one spoke

on remonstrated, & some body appar-
 -ently was put out - & then all sat
 down again - The evening paper
 has just been left by Mr. H & I see that
 the Mayor & a Alderman have refused
 to renew place to Daniel - I never heard
 such a thing in my life - I think the
 Mayor is afraid of a row. We have
 certainly put him in whole some
 fears - I can account for it in no
 other way - Wendell & I agreed
 that it would very much ease
 the minds of the Mayor & Turkey
 if they only knew what we thought.
 Ann Perry says she has quantities
 of sickness when she steadies her
 mind enough to tell it - ~~Wendell~~
~~Wendell~~ be happy or sorry to hear, I
 don't know which, that ~~Wendell~~
~~Wendell~~ great difficulty is that
 his bowels trouble him very much
 in such trying ^{times} - he told the
 vigilance committee so, I said to
~~Wendell~~ "said ~~Wendell~~" why dont you
 tell them ~~Wendell~~ that is
~~Wendell~~ Oh dont said I
 perfectly horrified, ~~Wendell~~
 as ~~Wendell~~ about it said ~~Wendell~~ & I
 very much commended ~~Wendell~~

^{160,00}
 I think much of Warren & wish I could
 have of this little nice simple family affair which

I have destroyed A.M. 1845

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been his trouble for him & as I
have said before, I dont think it
is saying a great deal. It is very
trying to a person unaccost to confine-
ment, but as soon as the proper
time comes for the remedies to take
his spirits will be much refreshed.
The warm weather will be a great
thing - We shall send as many
eggs as we can get in to the bucket
& a packet from Mr King's boy. I
peeped into it & read my novel
It is excellent reading for Warren
I cant express my opinion of *Time
The Avenger*. Mrs. Field lent it to me.
Mrs. F. calls Tom's room his office, but
the low minded boy apothecary's shop -
Last night in the midst of my
sickness came Baker, I roused up & he
& Pa & I talked matters over. Pa vows
the old barn shall stand & wishes
to put the new one just back of the
new parlor window, in a line with the
back window I mean - I have fought
so many battles with him I am tired
out. Baker had had an offer to
build a house & would like to secure
both jobs if he could, but was
ready to do as we said - of course

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