

Thursday morning - I rose early at Chauncy's place - where I was sojourning - & walked up to Ellis's intending to breakfast there & warn them of the state of things at the meeting - I found them kind & hospitable as usual - I thought slightly troubled at what had occurred respecting the treasurership - & I fancy they thought I meant to speak about that - I told them frankly they were all thought as fairly due, that it was highly important to the well being of the Society that no changes whatever should be made in the board - that all personal considerations were of course out of the question - but Henry & Morni would see it for themselves, just as if some other person was concerned that however well meant - the change was ill advised - they said - there could be no possible reason for it except Philbrick's wish - & that so distinctly expressed had swayed the committee to nominate him - but they were all glad to be overruled - Loring seemed afraid P. would not give them his services at all - but he by no means did justice to that gentle man's magnanimity - Phil concluded they had better say - was better than no board & that he had better benefit the Soc. by his wisdom - & before many hours passed away I fancy they were all very glad that they had been directed in the right way - indeed every body was thankful when this matter dismissed - I found that Brother May - whose mind slightly - misgave him after he had made his foolish report - Had in the evening walked up to Ellis's & I suppose (now this is mere conjecture) said that he could not divine - what people meant, that unusual importance was

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attached to officers - & that think were thrown
out that he saw did not understand - res-
pecting fault to be found with the man-
agers the next day - Ellis had told Brother
May what he ought to have done -
& how the report should have been made &
he was now intending to appear in person
personally & try to set straight what should
have been kept so - I aggravated his words
as I could - & he assured me that he would
get the floor as soon as the meeting opened
& make a new report without reference to B
or any one of the gloaming - which it was
hoped had in the confusion & noise escaped
much attention - so I went on my way re-
gretting - kept school till two o'clock - & then hurried
to town - & found - that the pigs had all
been out - Ellis was there & was down upon
them - in good style - Bishop had acted as ugly
as he knew how - never was his judas like
character so obvious before - even Brother May
in the course of the battle was constrained to
tell Bishop that he did not think the truth upon
an occasion connected with the exam in a town
Boston left Bishop to get out of the scrape as he
could - Adams I am sorry to say stood by
him - that is he united with Bishop in
signing a minority report - full of vitriol
against the board - this they un-
derstand the meeting to print it with
the other - the meeting declined doing any
such thing but coolly gave it the go-by
- & Ellis's report offered by May as chair man
was accepted - with out the aid of more than
two - in the course of all this there was a
continual & disagreeable sifting of Collins -

Ellis phoned it being the first published by me he came in
not touch it - the better world do as he liked when else he chose

against whom however somewhat contrary to my
 expectations - ^{I thought some impudence might attend - some day} with my appearance - Bishop - I am
 now fully persuaded - meant to ruin no body but
 Chace - & his insensate folly prevented him
 from seeing, that he could hurt no one
 without quite destroying Collins - in vain did
 he try to insinuate that there was somebody
 else - conceiv'd - of course it was clear
 to every one that the blame would be placed
 for nothing but the entire confidence in Collins
 - Chace could not be got at at all -
 Bishop the fool has actually handed in
 round the meeting a letter just received
 from Collins addressed to himself - in order
 to show how much Collins valued him -

It appears thereby - that B. knew nothing of
 the state of things at home June & except that
 Bishop had written him a smart letter blowing him
 up - as B. expressed it - about the Monthly affair
 of course he expressed the most innocent amazement
 - as to what "could the matter be" he was
 sure that in asking you to supply matter - & B.
 to get it out - he thought he had indulged it well
 being - but he wrote very affectionately & friendly
 to B. & tried to hush him up as if he had been
 a great Apollo child - made many acknowledgments
 of his kindness to him at a very trying period
 of his life - &c. - This letter B was lending!!
 to prove that he liked Collins - not appearing to
 know that it only rendered more horrible his own
 bare faced treachery - I cannot write the
 perniciousness of this Anneting because I was not
 present - but Anne will supply my deficiencies
 Whitting appears very ill. I am sorry to say,
 it now appears that he dislikes Collins & of
 course - thought it a good time to redress his
 private grief - of what nature alas I know not

Ellis phosca it's best printed & published by me in the one or two
 mt. touch it - the brother can do as he likes -
 when else he chooses -

12 - Ayden began to be obstreperous but he shew
out - Cyrus Burleigh - was in a joy -
I don't know but this was not usual enough
as they came there thinking well of Bishop
& this was their first knowledge of
the difficulty - And when this was
made its appearance, the spectators
were the officers of a private conspiracy
some when that they had votes printed
all ready to take advantage of the con-
stitutional provision for voting by ballot
in case it had appeared - How very how
the Pla Massachusetts - In your view that
part of the Shoal - & when I have in
sight in the afternoon she was in deep water
- A resolution of the most stirring kind
with regard to - The extracts sent by Jos
Pease - was offered & sustained by
Garrison - Quincy - & others - Much indignation
was pervaded by the meeting & an occasion
at growl or hiss from the galleries, some of the
presence of some of Colver's Gang - He was
present himself sitting on the foremost
seat & his features worked dramatically
as the resolution was read - he rose to
speak - words would fare me to describe
the vigorous effect he produced -
he hiss - & he blasphemed - his - insolence
was only equalled by his wickedness -
- My old friend Mr Spear got up in
the gallery - & spoke upon him with
a fury - that was truly delightful to
the gentlemen on the platform to whom

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Mr. Spurr's speech, gave universal satisfaction - in-
 as much as he rushed upon Colver with all the
 worth of a man of the world - who means to
 furnish a torrent of invective by pulling a
 man's nose - not that he pulled Colver's nose in
 any other than a spiritual sense - but it
 was spiritually pulled - & he was kicked -
 Mr. S. stood in the gallery & delivered himself
 with great volubility - to the infinite delight of
 Garrison - Edman - Jackson - & others who
 stood on the platform, shaking their heads
 like so many man of war - I was the only
 person who did not receive this unexpected
 reinforcement with unqualified pleasure - but
 I knew John better than they did - he got
 through however very creditably.

The resolution abusing Colver was unanimously
 adopted - or nearly so - I forgot to say that
 Bradburn spoke admirably - & with great energy -
 he had that day both the colour Law most
 unexpectedly - It passed to a third reading
 - & then was lost - the opposition calling for
 the yeas & nays - so that many persons who would
 otherwise have given a quiet assent - did not
 dare to be present even - you will see the
 vote in the Liberator - the minority was I
 think smaller than last year - they prevailed
 in Bradburn's speaking - by the previous question
 - he swears it shall cost the State some money
 before they are done with him - it is the policy
 of the Whigs this season - to bring through

14 Do as to shorten the session as much as possible
& to get through business as rapidly as they
can - This intention Bradburn now means to
bother - I may as well state here the result of
this matter - The next day Bradburn who had
voted in the negative in order to be able to do so
moved the reconsideration - it was lost &
the previous question being moved in order to
prevent his speaking hours upon the reconsider-
ation - as he had the tabernacle to do - so he was gay
yet - & his next move was to bring forth a
new lot of petitions & as it was not in order
to renew a subject - finally - disposed of by way of
to the same legislature - but move them reference
to the next legislature - & spoke at length upon
this motion & of course commented - with no little
severity upon the present house - in short there
is still kept up a running fire - the colour
law is lost - but we shall go any way -
of course the "chari" - had a resolution - about it -
- Thursday evening we had a good meeting -
as you know at 1/2 past 10 - Bradburn spoke
Abba Kelley - J. Quincy - Garrison - Arbitrating - &
- upon the whole the annual meeting was
a good one - the Bishop plot was a terrible
to many good people who wanted to know
such troubles - I forgot to say - that Garrison
came for name to say for the investigating
committee - that - they wished any person
desires of making enquiries - to examine for
themselves - the accounts of the depositary
the - Treasurers accounts - &c. & - & stating
further that on Mr Collins' return the account
with him would be laid before any person

who might desire to see it - the report-
ers - who dealt with this matter - all seem
much upon the probability of the Soc being
largely indebted to Collins - & their
reckoning upon his - disinterestedness &
fortune - I should have seen that
the books the much abused books at
the office - were got into a very good state
by the indefatigable labours of Chace &
Philbrick - & even Loring - who had of Chace
days - abused - then because Philbrick dis-
owned that "the more they were abused
the brighter they grew" - Adams felt bad-
enough - when Colver - among the other ugly
things he said - made a fling - at the house
for - not allowing to meet in investigation & not
publishing - the minority report - thus trampling
on their rights - but got up pale & trembling
& said that his name was on the report &
that his position as a member of the house
would enable him to make any investigation
he pleased - & he would advise others that they
might rely on him to inform them of - all they
wished to know -

I hear - since the meeting that Bishop has
succeeded in making a great impression on the
Harlows - Mrs Adams feels badly for her husbands
position & the H's feel for Bishop - so their
will - they must work their way out as they
can - I have been to straightened Miss Russell
40 to Miss Thomas - & trust the Harlows will

16 get along - I hear that Bishop has raised
the cry of Aristocracy - against Loring &
attends now - & there is nothing he does not
say against Philbrick - but P. coolly looks
at him & considers him as one who kicks against
the pricks - B. has undertaken the investi-
gation - that was permission for Privilege & satis-
faction - he asked Philbrick - how he
would be troubled if he should go to Brook-
line to examine the Treasurer's Books -
P. told him "that would depend entirely
upon how he behaved" -

Friday²⁹ I was at school all day - & went
to town after school, making but a little with
me - run about making calls & sky scraping
all day - Was at the office in the morning
when Garrison came in with a Jamaica
Paper in his hand - & the welcome letters
"M. G. C." in a corner of the envelope -
Lucien & I turned out at the office
that day I assure you but we run down
your breathless - & were the first to
announce your safe arrival - never
was such joy - in a few moments came
Henry Beckwith with the letter, one
letter from Henry - & even you - thirsty
for news as you & the others are cannot guess
the pleas we with the whole news to -

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