

New Bedford April 5th 1857.

Wednesday evening

I wrote my dear Caroline in great haste on Monday by Mrs. Weld just to let you know that I was alive, and got here safely. My school had gone on of itself during my absence, being managed by the older girls, neither Mr. Emerson or Mr. Lee thinking themselves qualified to interfere. 3 new scholars had come during the week, & I expect have 3 more next, that will be 4³ in all. It is pretty fatiguing I assure you managing so many. I could not help feeling rather pleased at hearing that you are not going to Providence, for I want you to be in Boston as long as possible. I had a letter from Lucia & Anne last night, telling me how matters are at home. The children and Anne, all being gone to Weymouth you must be quite alone, but not so lonely as poor Mary Chapman. I think of her constantly, and now that all excitement is over, it seems to me that she must suffer more than in the first agony of grief. I think her mother's sickness will be a good thing if it gives her a great deal to do. I find that I do not feel so bad in school as out.

I met Mr Charles the other day, who told me that he had been very much distressed during the last week having heard that Mrs Chapman had been taken from us, & that great had been his delight when he discovered that it was not her. Mr Emerson confided to me under seal of secrecy, long stories that Mr Charles had told him about the Whigs & abolition, which stories he got from no less a person than Daniel Webster, that is if he didn't lie, He says that the Southerners are laying a private plan, to have every thing so arranged that when Mr Adams's first abolition petition is presented, ~~the~~ the admission of Texas into the Union is to be carried at the point of the bayonet, & then made immediately into slave states & that Mr. Webster is to go electioneering round the country. Charles too said that the New Bedford aristocracy, the high whigs are coming over, having been converted by Stanton's remarks at the State House Mr Bent even is admiring Stanton, though if Anne remembers the ugly remarks he made about him last summer, she will wonder how he has the face to praise him she does.

Mr Emerson sends his respects to you & wants to know if you can confer a great favour upon him, which is to find out something about Dr Ely It appears that he has just come from Boston, & is going to try to get up a revival here. Mr Emerson began to talk something about his being a slaveholder when his brethren in the church fell upon him & almost tore him in pieces, not denying the fact, but abusing him for trying to make difficulty at such an interesting season. Want you ask Garrison if he knows any thing about him & what he has been doing recently. If Mr Emerson had faith enough to

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go upon, he is worked up enough to make considerable difficulty, Dr. Monkie having compared him to Paul persecuting the church. Mr Gallagher one of the professors at Marion College preached here Sunday, & him Mr Holmes tries to pick off as an abolitionist, or a sort of a one. I wish you would find out what you can, & look in the Emancipator of last June if you can't see them at the rooms, & write by mail so that I can get the letter Saturday night, & Dr Emerson can fight the battle out on Sunday. You never saw any poor man in such a perfect fever as he is, & you will never have a chance to confer a greater obligation upon him. Abby Osgood is to take this letter, she is to return on Monday in the afternoon cars, so that a bundle of letters will get to me safely if sent to Susan Osgood's Dark Square No 31. Corner of Exchange St & Dark Square. Send also that ~~which~~ ~~you~~ ~~promised~~ ~~to~~ ~~give~~ ~~me~~ which you promised to give me. When I came away last Wednesday morning you gave me ~~the~~ ~~letter~~ I will send it next Monday by one of my school girls who is coming to Boston. Upon second consideration I must keep Annie's, ~~the~~ ~~letter~~ ~~you~~ ~~wrote~~ ~~me~~ yours, for I don't dare to be left so destitute. Miss Dove is here at the Mission House on a weeks visit. Tell Anne that as far as I can see she is one kind of affectation, & the truth is not in her. Be sure now that I have long letters from all on Monday, give my love to Lucretia & tell her I will write to be the first chance I have. She must write to me. How is Maria? Give my love to her. Mr Emerson wants to have Wendell Phillips come down here & deliver an anti-slavery lecture. Abby sends much love to you.

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