

Groton Apl. 6. 1842.

Dear Anne

I knew not whether you were alive or not, but I will proceed on the supposition that you are not only living, but in the enjoyment of friends, & numberless blessings in the little town of Weymouth. You are so selfish that all your time is occupied by your own comforts; & your friends at a distance must be contented to wait till you remember their claims. Have you heard from Maria? I suppose it is hardly time, unless they were so fortunate as to throw aboard some vessel that was passing a letter. I have regretted this winter that it was so inconvenient for me to leave, for I have had cold upon cold, & a warmer climate would have saved me much trouble. Dr. Wilder has sold his establishment here, & will leave - Miss Dennis is of course without a home, & is in trouble. Temperance is the order of the day in this region. A new Washingtonian Soc. has been formed, with the

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downhands at the head of it. It is going on bravely. When shall we get anti-slavery so high that the people will take the course & carry it forward by acclamation? Remond has been here - gave 4 lectures - every body was pleased with him. I am surprised, with his limited information, at his efficiency as a lecturer. Sanderson, with some practice, & the friendly criticism of some one, will excel. He has the most of the matter in him. He lectured in Geneva - his efforts there have been followed up by Tucker, & an Old Eng. Soc. of 40 members has been formed, & more are expected to join. Stowell gnashes his teeth, but cannot stop the work.

The Unitarian minister, Heywood, is full of reform, of all sorts. Tucker is a very busy man, & fears nothing. He is at Lazenheads already with Phelps. — You may have heard that Bancroft & I have been taken with a civil suit, & trial will be had in Lowell this month. I suppose we could delay it longer, but our purpose is now to bring it on the first chance.

The duplicity of Fayley is seen every where, tampering with our witnesses, setting traps to entangle us, & drilling his post-house tools to swear to any thing - so that if we escape it will be by miracle. I am satisfied that ^{by} a fair trial I cannot be held; & yet I expect to be made responsible.

Will Collins testify? I have spoken with him as
though I did not doubt it, & Hephremon did the
same, & he gave me intimation of an intention
not to do so. He will be guilty of gross dissimulation
if he does not give evidence. I will not doubt
but he will do so. This doctrine of non-resistance,
carried to the extent that some do, cannot be right.
I can conceive of a man not going to law to get
redress, but making use of other means to
obtain his rights, for the law is very uncertain,
& usually costs more than it is worth, besides
being unchristian. But to say that we will
not open our mouths, when, by doing so, we
can cause justice to be done, & save a neighbor
reputation, property, or life, is monstrous.
The Christian code will not sanction it.
If there be any wrong in the magistracy
requiring you to affirm that you will tell
the truth & nothing but the truth, the re-
sponsibility is on his head, not on yours.
If he does wrong, that does not alter your duty
to your neighbor, or diminish his claim on
you for aid. But as I shall not probably
enlighten you much on this subject, I will
say no more. - We are thinking of a real bench - perhaps
you may like to see one to this place - We have
subscribed \$50,000. When shall we see you here? You
know that we are always happy to receive you.
My regards to Father, Mother, & family. Affect A. Farnsworth

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