

Groton 30 July 1845.

Dear Anne

I enclose 3 articles which lately appeared in the Courier relating to the constitution which I wish you should study fully to read. They contain facts & arguments, which I think cannot be overthrown. It is perfect nonsense to talk of destroying the constitution as an antislavery measure. It is a proslavery measure decidedly. Now I am for getting rid of Slavery - I enlisted for that object, & mean not to abandon it. I am not going to run off the track in a wild goose chase after something else, or be driven to act contrary to the dictates of the measure of common sense which I have, be it ever so little. Pardon me if I say that the American & Mass. A. S. S. have given up the "stuff of accomplishment," & every body sees it to be so. The enemies of Garrison, of Old Org. of the A. S. cause are delighted with your present position; & this, to my mind, is prima facie evidence that your position is a wrong one. An enemy is quick sighted in discovering the mistakes of his adversary.

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Now resistance has placed the society in a somewhat ridiculous situation, & I think you must perceive that it has done so. A bad man is in office, it is desirable put in a better. The society says, it is against our principles to vote - voting is very wicked, & so on. we cannot do so. But it is in accordance with your principles to vote, & we call on you to go to the poll, & commit the wicked act.

We want the constitution destroyed, torn up.

How it is against our principles to tear it, it would
be very wicked for us to tear it, but it would not
be wicked for you to do it, for you hold the tearing
constitutions

We are very hungry & want some soup. now it
is against our principles to make soup - but you
have no scruples about it, & therefore we call
on you to go & make it, & you are very wicked
for not making it, & letting us have the benefit of it.

I will not quarrel with you because your usage
was upon the cons. though I exceedingly regret that you do
so - nor will I be in a passion because you carry your
non-resistance to the borders of the ridiculous, for these
humblers must have their day, & then they will be laid
aside, & you will come to yourselves, & behave like
other sensible people. The evil, & it is not a small one,
of these ultras is, that it is a hindrance to U. S. unity, or
at least prevents accessions to old Org. I know there are
those who do not, apparently, desire numbers in the U. S.
cause. They will tell us about the walls of Jericho being
thrown down by the blowing of a few dozen of rams horns
& of the discomfiture of the mighty host of Midianites by
a few lamps & broken pitchers. I have no opinion to
give of these, & many other strange stories of olden time.
This much is certain, more a days we do not see fortifications
levelled, & armies conquered by rams horns & pitchers.
I do not say but they may be used with terrible effect,
but till I can see more clearly than I now do their
adaptation to the purposes of war, I shall never rely
upon them. I am very sure that in 1845, in democratic
U. States, power, eye, moral power, is very nearly in
proportion to numbers. & any cause which I wished to
carry it would be my principal aim to give numbers
to the cause. The U. S. cause I do not believe is an exception.

But I did not intend to write a letter - you

we now much in my debt, of which please to take notice
& excuse yourself accordingly; - Mrs. Atkinson &
family, bag & baggage, arrived here yesterday. They
have quit Quebec forever - he will seek a parish
in Massachusetts.

I never was so much at leisure in my life - I
have given up the house & all its concerns to Mary,
& have taken refuge in the barn, which I remember
you once telling me was the man's place. I thought
at that time it was rather a hard doctrine, but I
have come to like it very much. To get rid of the
perplexities of inducements is no small gain, & goes far to
reconcile me to my new residence.

Remember me respectfully to your friends
& believe me ever yours

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