

can attend to it. [Now do I believe it is good economy at this
crisis, to leave ^{old} places which need to be secured - places well org-
anized, when the Mrs. Board, by sending in an agent, may secure
this influence to make new organizations. 'Now's the
day, & now's the hour'. I will write the brethren your name
in rather a general style, urging them to an organization,
and when it is made, it should be auxiliary to the A. S. S. -
Agents - agents - agents - We want agents for the next
two months, more than we shall be likely to afterwards
for years.] Do write Mr. Coddington in Maine. Entreat,
constrive, persuade, him to come just now and give
us a lift. [Write the Ex. Com^{tee} at New York, that if they
mean to retain the allegiance of the abolitionists in this
state, they must have an agent in every County this
side of Worcester - yes, and one in that also.] One for Bam-
stable, Dukes & Nantucket, one for Plymouth, one for
this, one for Norfolk, one for Essex, one for Middlesex,
and one for Worcester, are now indispensable - and
they must not be boot-jacks. There are but three
now in Mrs. good for any thing - who can be relied upon -
Scott - Stanton & Ware - always excepting the present com-
pany - Mr. Colver if yourself may find time to do some-
thing - but you will find agents on the other side ready to do as
much. [We need & must have, at least, three more
substantial & efficient agents. Pray put Stanton up,
and write them also at N. Y. on the subject forthwith. Coddington
I am confident, will come, if we insist upon it. Let
us do so, intending not to be mistaken. This much for
'Plotting'. You see I have become 'compact'. 'Tis
not worth while to work by halves.

Let me know the moment your Board take action
on the American affair. I hope you and the other
members in the minority will take strong ground, protest
and leave. Keep up the fire.

For the slave

Marion D. Blair

Taunton ~~Feb 21~~ - Taunton

Alanson S. Clair.

Dear Br.

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Yours of yesterday & today are before me. Please to lay the enclosed before the Board as soon as you can get them together - If you have not already forwarded the one enclosed in yours yesterday to Miss, retain it. If you have, I wish you would get it back. The reason why the Bristol Co. Board, invited me to the Ex. Comm. at N. B. to permit me to labor in this Co. was, I told them I should, in a few days, be their agent. It was prospectively done. Please to write Durfee to hold back that resolution for the Liberator, and I will see Emory tomorrow, and get him to do the same with regard to the same, designed for the papers in this Co. and the Emancipator. On the whole, I don't much like the shape of it - and had I not been so deeply engaged in "plotting" at the time, I should have seen the impropriety of having it published.

With regard to subscribers, be not troubled. I have already procured in subscribers and responsible pledges, over a hundred. In the course of the year I mean to get upwards that number, and no man shall be more welcome to a portion of them than you. Bristol Co. I had looked upon as my own ground, and accordingly, before I went east, engaged a young man to pick them up for me. Forsooth I did not know you had written to - so I got into that place twenty two. But I have no idea trespassing on your ground or that of any other brother, for any other reason, than because, I can, by a personal application, procure more subscribers, than can be otherwise obtained.

About Barnstable Co. I am not sure. I have so long kept them in suspense here, that they will lose all confidence in my word, unless I go thro' the county and do up the work now. Besides, either Scot or Stanton is the man to go thro' rather than I, but it is doubtful whether either of them