

New Bedford Dec. 29 '39

Dear Caroline,

It is so long since I have written that I hardly know where to begin - I expected to have sent the green cloak before now & deferred writing from day to day in order to send my letter by the bundle but after having disappointed me several times, yesterday the mantua maker finished my cloak, so I will send yours Tuesday, next stage day - I was very thankful to get your letter last night, for I was in a perfect fidget to hear from the Boston Female fair as they keep the result so private I think they must have done worse than ~~was~~ <sup>to be</sup> expected. Write again, do, the moment you hear any thing definite, for I am in a fever of curiosity - Tell me too what Colver meant, by saying that Colver attacked the minority, "in giving notice of the fair." What did Colver say? - Who wrote those practical articles in the two last Liberator's? & has any thing been heard of Miss Lucy Ball's explanation. I was promised a fortnight ago -

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I was really sorry to hear of poor Martha

Balls' misfortune. Has she the real  
small pox, or only the varicoid -  
You are all in a worry about the  
Weymouth people, & their liabilities -  
what do you think of me, who am  
right in the midst of it. It is in every  
part of New Bedford, 20 new cases  
last week, & every time I ~~go~~ <sup>have been</sup> out since  
I came from Boston, have gone past  
the houses where it was - however  
I am going to follow your example  
and be vaccinated - Pray how  
came you to be done over - did it  
he use to tell us a story of his having  
been innoculated with the small  
pox & it did not take? I am doing  
every thing I can for the fair here,  
& hope ~~every~~ things will go well - All  
the abolitionists have taken hold  
manfully, & are making cake &  
giving notices with all vigour -  
I am going to raise as much  
money as I can on the articles  
I have & give the rest to the fair.  
I have nearly \$20 for charity now,  
will you tell Mrs Loring that - I  
sold the Parthenon to Samuel Pro-  
man for \$5, also give my love to  
her. Mrs Phil brings under I carried  
to the old Mrs Prodan - I was  
perfectly delighted with her - though  
over 80 her mind seemed perfectly clear.

knew all about the cause, & talked  
like one well read in the Liberator.  
Before I had half got through with  
my story she began to get out her  
purse - She bought the winders & her  
daughter is coming to the fair -  
Monday morning

I had written thus far yesterday  
thinking that perhaps Bradburn might  
go in the early cars this morning, but  
he has concluded to stay & speak to-  
night - Before church I amused myself  
with seeing that notices were sent to  
all the churches - Mr Smith, Leonard  
Woods' son in law, refused to read it.  
He you know sits in Mr Holmes' sect,  
& is Mr Emersons minister - The reason  
he gave, was, that he never read a  
notice of a meeting, when he was  
holding one in his own vestry - Now  
as good luck would have it I heard  
him give notice of Buckingham's lectures,  
some of which came on his evening Mr  
Snow, the Episcopal minister also re-  
fused - All the others read it -  
~~at~~ I was invited to take tea  
at John Bailey's to meet Bradburn  
so of course went - Mr Burrage &  
the Congdons there - The lecture was  
held in Concert Hall (Mr Holmes' old  
meeting house) & was, excepting Garrison's,

the largest audience ever got together  
at an Anti-S meeting here - All the gran-  
-dees, the men I mean were out, & a  
full house is expected to-night at the  
Universalists ~~meeting~~. The lecture was a  
very good one & gave great satisfaction.  
Andrew Robeson was there, & I rushed  
up to him ~~after the~~ at the close of the  
meeting & told him about the  
things I had left - Mrs Robeson is  
to see them, & I will let you know the  
result next time I write - Your  
articles for the fair did not come of  
course Saturday, for the stage comes  
Monday - it made me laugh to  
find you did not know the New Bedford  
stage day. Haven't you heard  
your father say for twenty years, "out a  
Monday, in a Tuesday" I shall expect  
them to-night however - The women  
of our society are doing well by the cold  
fair, - don't think - Fall River made  
the cold women give \$15 for the articles  
they had - they were valued at about  
\$50, which Sarah Ann Provier told me  
was too much for them, & that she  
should reduce the prices, which thing  
I commended in her, for they were the  
Boston prices & you know how high some  
of the country things were marked at  
Upon second thoughts I shall not send  
the green cloak till ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday,  
I have so much to do, I shall not have time  
to attend to it -