

New Bedford Jan 2. 1840

Thursday morning

Dear Caroline,

"Thanks be to
praise", the last fair or sale of any kind
that I am to have any thing to do with
for the present is over, & I feel as if the
weight of mountains had been taken
off - Whilst I was so troubled with the
face-ache & had those things on my
hands to sell, not able to go out, & it
seemed to me we never had so much
bad weather as then, I had no com-
fort of my life, I could not bear
to write home, & kept deferring it till
all the goods should be sold. I took
them at last and sold them from
door to door à la pedler - & raised
\$28.00 I think I have done very well
write and let me know if this
clears Maria from her delt in regard
to the fair - I suppose you have got my
letter by Braburn, I meant to have sent
the money by him, but he gave me
the slip. Monday evening Braburn gave
a very good lecture at the Universalist
meeting house - there were not near
as many people present as on the first
night, this was partly owing to the cold &

partly to a prejudice against the universalist
meeting house. Most of what Warren calls
C. F. etc were out. From the lecture we all
went to the fair, that is to arrange the
articles. We worked there till late —
Brahm was there for a short time
& told me he should call in the morn-
-ing if possible, but as he did not I missed
sending my money. Every ^{thing} looked very
handsome at the fair & nothing
was wanting but purchasers — Early
the next morning, by sunrise, I went
up again & staid till near 10. Every thing
being very beautifully arranged & nothing
more to be done I left them to their
fate. After school at night went up
again & found they had done finely,
were in the best of spirits, & every ^{what} going
on well. All the fashionables had been
in and bought extensively. Sam Rodman
went with his wife her sister & all the
children, which as Henriette says was very
pretty in Sammy — By the way Sammy
has subscribed I hear for the "non
resistant." Mrs Howland went and
bought. It was delightful at the close
of the first day to see how the articles
were thinned out. The friends were
requested to leave the articles they bought
in order to have some thing to show —
I came home that night & had such a
violent attack of face ache, as I never had

before in my life — It lasted without
any abatement till between four &
five o'clock in the morning, when I
went to sleep. Though the violence of
the pain was gone, yet my whole
head was so sore, that all these years
day I kept my chamber. We had
a great set out in the drawing
rooms, as they have introduced the
N. York fashion of rushing calls —
There ^{were} many people called, but
I kept my chamber & saw none
of them — about 7 in the evening Mary
put in her head & said there is two
gentlemen that want to see you
I had begun a very polite message
of refusal, when she said, one of
them is Mr Collins from Boston —
I was down stairs in a very few
minutes upon that. It really did
me good to see him. I had been
growing better all day, which no one
in the house knew any thing about
& as I had apparently been very bad
in the morning, my instantaneous
cure was attributed to bro Collins. I
did not have as much talk with
Collins as I wanted, for I ~~wanted~~
~~left~~ the way open for him to draw
some money out of Mr Howland.
Whether he will succeed or not I
don't know — So night I am going up in

up in town & shall see Collins again
Mr Snow the episcopal minister
who would not read the notice
summary called here yesterday & Mrs
Stowland fell upon & I have reason
to believe gave him his dire - When
he asked for me she told him I never
wanted to see him again.

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Will you send this letter to Aunt
Mary as soon as possible. I shall write
direct to her very soon. I had no heart to
write while those goods remained un-
sold - at the fair young Joseph Perbetson
presented me with "Calline Brooks" pin-
cushion table - With love to all I am ever
thine A.W.
Abolition walks in her silver shippers here

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