

Thursy 10<sup>th</sup> May April 22

Dear Debra.

I got your letter to Caroline, enclosing the print, & she will get it to-night when she comes in. I'm sure, (since you wonder what good reason can be put forward for coming home so soon,) that the real one is creditable to our patriotism, family affections, debts, & friends alike - namely, that we were so homesick we could not stay away longer. Henry was, at least, a "pej's eye" - you know whose they are. Shells of letters awaited us from England, which I send you herewith, & they will by their voluminousness, take up your idle time. We are undecided yet what to do. Bowdler's house at Roxbury - (400 for com) Peter Warrington's (600) Abraham Howard's house in Temple St. - Arthur Hunt at Grey mouth - these are the combatants who are making our minds their battle-field. In the mean time Northampton, fortified with Dr Garrison's advice, puts in a claim to a month under promise of sheltering us from east winds, & we may snatch up little Henry & Lenny, & with great Anne, go up to make the valley of the Connecticut glad for us (or sorry according as its taste is). Mr Gratton & his wife visited us yesterday afternoon; so did Mrs Prescott, Mrs Warrington, Sen. - Her son Henry W. Garrison of

course - Dr Garnsworth, (whose case is terminated  
by a 150 dollar fine, which he considers quite a triumph.)  
He was just from Albany, where he had gone from  
the battle-field at Lowell (where they all were) with  
Collins, Remond & the Irish address, on the assurance  
that it was not a 3<sup>d</sup> party meeting. But after  
they got there, they found Stanton & Pritchett on the  
ground as full of tricks as possible. When they arrived,  
they found a meeting going on for the formation of an  
Eastern N.Y. State A.S. Society, & the constitution having  
been reported, Gerrit Smith introduced an amendment  
by which no one who would under any circumstances  
as vote for a pro-slavery candidate could be a member.  
Collins opposed any such restrictions, but said if it  
must be so, pro-slavery candidates for the Ministry ought  
to be included in the amendment. Now, you may  
imagine the bill bursts its bounds, & it appears plain  
as the sun at midday what the difference is  
between old & new ag. "What these two Societies are  
quarrelling about." Stanton was as impudent as a  
highwayman's horse, & ordered the address to be brought  
forward to read, at a 3<sup>d</sup> party meeting in the evening.  
Remond said that knowing as he did the feelings of  
the prominent signers, he could not conscientiously  
allow it to be used at a 3<sup>d</sup> party meeting. Stanton  
proudly declared that he had something to do with  
getting it up, & there was such a snobbish disposition  
manifested that Dr Garnsworth determined to cock  
up the address in a trunk & send it down to

New York City to Mrs Child. This unexpected promise  
on their part caused a set of apologies for their  
conduct from Stanton & the Rest, & a dissolution  
of the 3<sup>d</sup> party meeting, into an Anti-Slavery  
Meeting, Jerit Smith giving notice that the Amendment  
he had offered was in behalf of Mr Stanton & that if Mr Stanton  
would speak on the political aspect he would himself speak in the  
evening on the church aspect. Which he did with unwar-  
mer, going every length that Collins did in  
the evening, & for which Stanton & the rest had implied  
that Collins was an infidel. I have been out & got  
myself a beautiful Mousseline de Caine gown of a light  
mouse colour with a satin stripe in it, & have sent home  
a lot of Bonnets; & shall soon be in my armour.  
I have heard from Mr Bates, but nothing of  
importance. He is to go to N York on Saturday.  
You must send my letters back by Mendell as  
I must answer them. Mrs Chapman is yet in  
her room, but as better. There is a flood of Foulard  
Likes in the market, but they will be over common  
I think, & they are tasteless things in general.  
It is almost impossible to get a pretty one.

We had a very pleasant set of messengers home, of  
whose names you are ignorant, though you saw the  
list of messengers. Col Edward Olives is no less a person than  
one of the Lord Olives family, & Lester is "the Honourable  
Mr Captain Leicester". We have been to Weymouth  
& find all well there. Darcy had brass balls on her  
horns; on our enquiring her character, on which said  
balls seemed to be an imputation, we were informed that  
they were for ornament. The Revival still continues in

progress there. I must close for want of any  
thing more to say:— pen, ink, paper & time being failing  
Affectionately yours  
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