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was general - the colored men were at work
as just returning & they spread it like wild fire
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a Race Horse - Mary, who is one of the best of
women & kind disposition, was raging - she
went ditto - I do it ^{did} was by every one I presume
Mary when she returned to tell me she would
fight to the death because she would be
doing God's service - says she I would
hurt & down the top in covers of range &
stone on their heads like brick ^{bats} ~~bats~~ I
in fight ~~left~~ like a Horse and her
eyes glisten as I assure you & then she
men - they not only enslave the body
brains yes says she & even the soul
holives at Mr Emerson, when she heard
about - why want I ask them to grasp

him by the throat - says she I would have
killed him I had choked him - And Ruthy
in the fulness of heart said I will be the
sacrifice let them take me if they want
any body - I guess they would soon get enough
of the me - There seems to be but one opinion
among the white people, the colored people
run prepared on the fully every one who
are Webster retainers are shocked - one of them
told me he would even shoot Webster him
self, if he came to his house for a slave; and
told me he would fight to the last if he was
a colored man - these are Mr Webster's friends
Others say they would tan & feather the slave holder
if they took them - or would like to have them
treated so - The colored people tried to
to find out where the men stand, but could
not - if they had been at the Purke House where
they inquired, I think they would have
knocked the house if they could not have got them other
wise - In the evening every colored man had a
club - John says he never saw so many clubs
in his life - All the colored Churches are shut
up this evening & they have a public meeting in
Learys Hall, where I presume they will vote to
take a bold stand at least - It was a bold

step on the part of a slave holder, as he did not even
have a writ. I would not be surprised
the least to hear of the death of the Rascal
but I hope not. I want them to go away
satisfied they can do nothing in New Bedford.
I told the Mayor of it myself & I don't think
he will sacrifice his popularity. He told
me a few nights previous that no one would
hold office or office to carry out Mason's
iniquitous bill - should there be any ^{thing} more
about I will inform you. To excuse this letter
I have written so hastily. I have just returned
from Mrs Packard's where we spent the after-
noon - Jay called her Capt once, when Mrs
I say why don't you call her Grandfather - I don't
want to say he - Fanny ingeniously said he thinks
Capt, is better - that is settled to begin with - she
was pleasant as was she they are coming
in town to morrow - Mr Sherman had a long
argument with him on Capital Punishment
he being an advocate with an occasional
remark from Sally & Fanny - he behaved
very well - could not argue much but
kept his temper well - I remained silent
my time was not to speak then but it came soon

The conversation shortly turned on the subject of
the excitement in town - the capture of this woman
I related it & told him all I knew about it -
Mr. Thorton remarking, if any cause could be justly
fought by fighting, this could - I thought he acquiesced
he said slavery was a bad thing, and would
be done away with & then remarked that a
several times while on the Mississippi, he had
found slaves secreted in his vessel and
was obliged to return them as he could not
continue in the business - it was enough for
me - I never felt so in my life - I remembered
that I was the son of one who had gone down
to the grave endeavoring to aid the great cause
of humanity - excitable and naturally so I
was entirely calm & self collected ^{never more so} I can only
say I felt the Spirit of the Almighty reside
within me - I slowly rose from my chair
& in a full & clear voice said, soon than
have caused a human being to have been sent
back into bondage I would have lost my busi-
ness - aye I would even have sacrificed my
life - He was astounded - He was calm so was I
Every word I uttered seemed to me to be the right
one & I felt as though I had done myself justice

I spoke some ten minutes, without the least hesi-
tation, excitement, or embarrassment. I don't mean
to be egotistical - but I have endeavored to tell
the truth - he listened patiently - He seemed entirely
ignorant I pitied him, & said the mildest but
at the same time the most truthful remarks
Some of the others said a word - finally he,
said he thought the Abolitionist had done
more harm than good - when Sally, alias
Mrs P jumped up, said she wished there
were more of them and walked into the
entry. When I next see you I will give you
more particulars - I do not attribute any
malice or prejudice to the Capt but I see your
vanity and a mistaken sense of duty -
but I was ^{at that moment} called on to defend the poor, the
sorely & the outcast & have the proud satisfac-
tion of having done my duty faithfully -

I could have not yet returned we rode up
there after you went to France & then we over
Fanny & Josy are both well - Write soon

Your aff friend
Joseph Ricketts
To Deborah Weston P.S. Fanny wishes to know if you were waiting
at the Station House & how much you weighed -

New Bedford 9th month 1st 1850

Dear Dr. Corah

We are in a state of great excitement - You had scarcely left town, when a Fiend in human shape, a slave-holder from Baltimore with a constable from the same place, came near taking a fugitive - a female. It seems she came here two or three weeks since and has been living (I presume necessity compelled her to) or rather working at one of the houses near the Depot - Yesterday about dark the woman with whom she lived, most probably having been tried to do it, tried to get her untrapped, but

she was a race horse - Mary, who is one of our women & kind disposition, was raving - she went into - & so did every one I presume. - Mary when he returned told me she would fight to the death because she would be doing God's service - Says she, I could hurl down the top or covers of Raup & stave on our heads like trick bats. I would fight like a horse - and her eyeballs glistened I assure you & then she exclaimed

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Yours aff. friend
Joseph Ricketts
P.S. Fanny wishes to know if you were caught
at the Station House & how much you would be -

but she refused to drink and threw the liquor away -
at the same [time] the rascal with the constable was
there when one of the girls of the house recognized the
constable and gave the star the alarm - the master
or agent asked the woman if she recognized him.
She said no & persisted in saying so - He then pro-
ceeded to handcuff her & got one hand cuffed - the
woman had a knife in her hand & swore she would
rip him open & then threw the knife and hit him
on the breast without any injury - at that time a
white man seized her away from the constable & in
a few minutes she was safe - the colored women
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often as you can - You are free to
write to me as often as you like -
I am your affectionate friend
Joseph Rice
P.S. Fanny wishes to know if you are
at the Station House & how much you would like -

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violating our laws.

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Mrs Weston

Messrs Green & Co
~~London~~

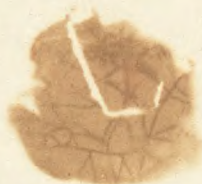
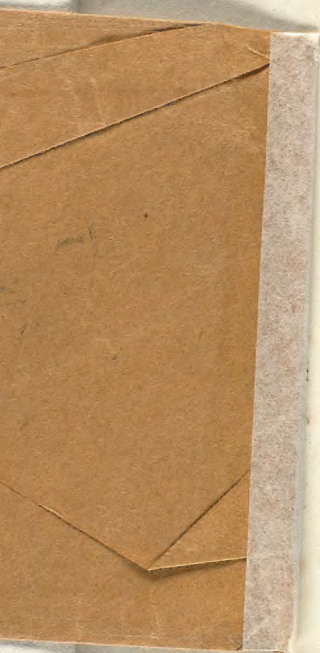
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They had just returned from the meeting and
said they had appointed a Committee to
call on our ^{City} Officers of the Junior Book
to a point to look over the situation
George W. Miller & the committee were then off
to look up the books in the morning for
whatever we found.



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