

Chauncy Place. April 11. 1842.

Dear Deborah,

Before going a word farther, I will measurably relieve all your anxiety relative to Henry & Maria. They have arrived at Gonaves. When & how we hardly know as our information comes in a rather circuitous way. W. F. Todd has received a letter from Mr May via Philadelphia. Mr M. in that letter says "Mr & Mrs Chapman have arrived at Gonaves" & then goes on to express his own satisfaction to say he shall make preparations for their coming to the Cape. Probably the messenger that carried news from Gonaves to Cape Haytien went instantaneously on the arrival of the Danube & that there was no time for them to announce their arrival by the same means. But the State Thompson is expected in every day from the Cape. We have all felt a good deal of worryment thro' we have kept it pretty much to ourselves. I suppose you will be surprised at finding me starting town here. I came in town on Wednesday last. The certainty instead of my coming was to be at the A. S. Meetings to be held Wed & Thursday evenings, but then again it is true that I had been for several days in the fidget of uneasy states about Maria that I longed to be at Boston to hear the first news, and as I was going in, in a week to be present at the meeting of the Boston Female, I made up my mind to go then. I came in town with Mr Kingsbury & had a very agreeable time, only I thought he was a little too polite & amiable. How ever I did not get so alarmed but that I agreed to go out with <sup>her</sup> on next Thursday. When I got here I found Mrs Chapman really very sick, confined to her bed & Dr Jackson coming every day. She has a decided slow fever. Part of the time her fever has been very high & she has looked very ill, but she seems to be a little mending, though as I have not seen her since Friday I am hardly a judge. Mary says she has not been so ill since Ann's death. Abby Kelley was here the day I came in town and went down in the afternoon to King's Head Caroline according to a previous engagement, went too. Abby has been making quite a stir in North Brookfield & that region & seemed well pleased with her labours. I prophesy a match between Abby & John M. Fiske. He has got so much strength as to renounce his church & his home was the chief thing in Abby's mouth.

Abby is on her way to Plymouth Co. where she wishes to raise \$200. as then she will have fulfilled her pledge of raising \$1000 for the Am. Soc. Caroline says she had very good audiences at Hingham. She lectured two nights in the Academy Hall. Mr Stearns sat with her & praised very powerfully. There has been quite an A. S. Revival at Hingham. Bradburn made quite a stir there. The A. S. Meetings in town went off very well, not full to crowding, but respectably full. On the first evening Wendell began & Bradburn ended. They both spoke well in their respective ways; it has got to half past 9 when up rose Abigail & held forth at such a rate as to stop poor Bradburn at once. He strove to hold his own a little & said "Perhaps the meeting had better close. Miss Tolson whom I sincerely compassionate." "yes, yes, cried Abigail, he loves me as the Fox loves the chickens" at this Bradburn gave up & Collins dissolved the meeting. The next evening went off without any disturbance. Bradburn spoke first, & Wendell closed in a very eloquent manner. Candis Charles went home with me. The Islander was very polite to me & called Fast Day. I was out & so he called the next day & we had quite an agreeable time. I think what with Caroline's joys & yours I have a pretty time of it. However I always had a liking for this brother as you well know and have done my best to preserve his interests. I had a letter the other day from Dr Foss worth. It came to W. & Mr Kingsbury kindly sent it in. The Dr has had a civil suit instituted against him which is to come on next month at Lowell. He seems in rather better spirits about it than he did. Collins has had a pleurisy fever, but has got out, tho' still in great pain & covered with blisters. Pleurisy indeed are very rare. Mr Pierpont & Mr Gannett both have been very sick with them, both thought to be in great danger. Indeed there never was a time when there was so much sudden sickness & death. You know Dr Harris is dead, & Dr Richmond died yesterday morning. Mary Forbes' Cunningham is quite sick and multitudes of other people. All was very well when I left home though there had been great sickness all round about some Aunt Shabe. She had had such a very severe attack 'tho' she had been greatly worried about her. I was there for two days & have not seen her

for many days so ill. But she was on the Recovery. I received  
your letter to Caroline on Wed. & another with my Exercise  
Book Saturday. I should be glad to accept of your offer  
about going to N. Y. if I felt it right; but I do not. I  
think you want your money for many other things. I really  
think you had better buy a carpet, as I do not see how  
we can get along this summer without. I mean to take  
Caroline & go to Peter's & try to look one up. - I shall if possible  
send your shawl by Abby's bundle. I have sent to Weymouth  
for it, but as we do not send bundles by land it makes  
it rather inconvenient. I went to Mr. Osgood's to inquire the  
time of sending & found a bundle would go Wed. so I thought  
it best to write this to day. We went to Jerry & Maria  
last Saturday, Mary, Lizzy & Hannah. I suppose they had  
quite an uproar at Weymouth on Sunday, as Caroline brought  
up word from Weymouth that Abby Kelley had  
gone over there to lecture. I can only hope Mrs. Field  
has in, for I don't want Mr. & Emma & Maria to have the  
bundle, but I cannot tell how it was. I must leave it all  
to Providence. It was not my affair getting her. Spear went  
over for her. Lizzy & I went by special invite to Kenneth's &  
passed the day. Miss Thatch met us & Henry came in the  
evening. We all went all day to Mr. Holt's on Sunday to hear  
Mr. Stearns preach. I liked him much. He prayed properly for  
the slaves & behaved well about every thing. I will try to  
see all your commissions discharged by the time Abby's bundle  
comes; if your shawl don't get here in person, I will send it  
some other way. Today I called at Miss. Kingman's, Mrs.  
Alden's (she was engaged) & on Mrs. Tarbell. She received me  
in a very gracious manner. Catherine Robbins, Mrs. Gardner  
Greene & her daughter have been here to day. I will  
write you the moment we have letters, let me be when  
I will. I forgot to say I called this morning on Mrs. Maria  
Her husband is much better. I do not think we shall send  
you down Lizzy's gowns. Perhaps I shall be able to do one of  
them, before going out of town. Many desires be love to you  
& I will send your little ruff very soon, next chance.  
yrs ever in haste A. L. W.

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