

31 Rivington St. New York.

May 11. 1842.

Dear Deborah, I shall not take up the thread
of my adventures at Northampton but begin with my
N.Y. experiences. We concluded to come by the way of
Norwich as we feared a great crowd with the other
boat, but we did not help ourselves. The cars were thronged
& mine got in at other places. When we were on board
the "Horizon" which is the largest boat I was ever
on board, I felt anxious it was so thronged. However
there were not as many ladies as gentlemen, so that
finally we got excellent berths in those little lower
rooms which you will remember and had a good night.
We were under E. G. Loring's care. The boat was thronged
with people going to the races. We even had the honor
of carrying one horse stith. Gibbons was waiting for
us on the wharf & we were welcomed at his house
with great kindness. There are staying there during
G. C. Burleigh, Abby Kelley & her sister and Anne Kupper
& several men whom we do not particularly know. I am
sorry to say Gibbons defends his conduct in the Disclaimers.
I saw Mrs Child but a moment yesterday morning
when I went to carry her husband's letter to her at
Hopper's. She was looking very bright tho' I am told
she has been scared to death by the mob threats, &
has removed her valuables. The truth is they have
all been very much alarmed & unless she in presence of
their fears have done a very silly thing. I think they
must persevere it by & bye if not now. The Anniversary
Meeting was held in the Tabernacle & went off very
well. It was highly respectable. Not what I should
call a very large meeting, but a full one. I suppose
we made

& Jennie (the water bearer) read a Chapter in the
Bible. J. C. Fuller presided. J. C. Hathaway read the
Annual Report on behalf of Mr Child which was a
very good one. Gibbons read the Treasurer's Report from
which it appeared we had expended ~~\$800~~ \$10,000
& more. Burleigh, Wendell & Bradburn followed.
Burleigh did well enough; I never greatly admire him.
Wendell was as usual very beautiful & Bradburn
made his usual amount of jokes & heard none & was
received with great gusto. No dog on me & his tongue
as to making an uproar. He dined with a large
party of people at Gibbons. In the afternoon the Business
Meeting convened at Concord Hall; a large comfortable
Hall. Owing to Abby Kelley's infirmity I was nominated
as one of the Assistant Secretaries, & on the whole I
would not refuse, tho' I did not like it. A Business
Committee with Wendell for Chairman is appointed
& things seem pretty well under way. I suppose today
the question of the Dissolution of the Union will be brought
up. I do not believe there will be the least difficulty
save there may be. But the whole city is as calm as
a summer breeze for aught I see. Garrison in a very
foolish manner has staid away. He has written a
letter which I do not approve, looking the Society as it
were, to judge between him & the Executive Committee.
I suppose the letter will have to be read tho' I would
avoid it if I could. But there will probably be no
action taken on it. All the afternoon of yesterday was
spent in discussing J. L. Adams, a writer published and
should condemn him for not being anti-slavery. I hope
by & bye to have some talk with Mr Child but at
present the pencil is occupied. This Yesterday afternoon

we took tea at Charles Manville. To my great surprise I found them living in great magnificence, for Lucretia that is Charles' wife is sister of George F. White and there is another sister living with them. Both the wife & sister are more with ~~than~~ White than Manville I apprehend. We had a most elegant tea & I assure you & the two sisters seemed perfect specimens of Lucretia's self in complexion. I never saw the like. I got a rather lowline gown for her & safely by John Bailey. I will take due care of your ruffes & cuffs. And now I will look back a moment to Northampton.

After I wrote to you we went & saw the Adams, & Mr Child & took tea at Judge Lymann & did see other places & I went up Mt Holyoke with Mr Adams. I almost lost my breath, but I accomplished it. Henry would not stay after Saturday at any rate. He was so very desirous to get into his new home. I think his health improved a little. Poor Maria though gets almost beat out being with him day & night, & he is so variable that it is difficult to amuse him. We had on the whole a very agreeable time while there. I will fold my letter now & leave a little

5. February - 10 o'clock. Here we are in "Committee Hall" A. D. Foster stirring all up & making difficulty by saying politics was his part & not to be brought up. He is a perfect marplot. Living has tried to get him straight. Douglas is speaking - 2 o'clock. The Revolution of the Union has been brought up & debated with much energy. Living against, A. C. Wright spoke in favour. A Committee meeting is holding.

Nothing special to add. I don't think there is any prospect of a mob at all. My own Corbuck I will write by J. Bailey if I have

Dear Lucia, I received this letter ^{Thursday} today & hasten to send it to you. Why have you not written to me you say things, one would think you could not write. Write instantly on the receipt of this. I wrote to Caroline by John Bailey & sent one or two little articles of dress for Anne, who I thought would be out. There is no news here. I do not know whether I shall come to the N. E. Convention or not. I may - & I may not.

Deborah Weston
May 11th 1842
Miss Lucia Weston
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Write me every thing you can think of - I immediately there is no news here - Mr Smith the Saturday minister has got to leave - that is all. Abby is at home her vacation - Hawley is gone off to N. Y on a visit Jackson says that Hawley is almost an infidel, & that he is rotten at heart - & has made difficulty in every church in town - This looks well for Hawley. Love to Grandmas folks. Tell Aunt Mary I shall write to her soon. Love to Henry & Annie. ever yours D. W. mind write -