

Melrose. Thursday Morning.
Jan 27. 1842.

Dear Deborah,

I carried the letter to Isaac Bigood's store on Tuesday night which I suppose you have received ere this. I spent most of the evening reading "Barnaby Rudge" which I think equal to any of the others. Wednesday morning I was up to C. Place, bright & early and as I entered the house I perceived something ~~had~~ had occurred. To waive a graphic description, here are the plain facts. On Monday afternoon the case of "Mrs Charles Dickens" was brought to Ann Terry, accompanied by a letter sealed for Mrs Reese of London. In that letter, Mrs R. commended Mrs Dickens to Ann Terry saying that she hoped they were right at heart on the cause, & she wished they might be made much of. Mrs R. is really an intimate friend of theirs having breakfasted with them on the morning of their sailing. Well, Ann did not feel she could give them a party, & so she thought it best not to call. but it was settled that Mary should go with Wendell to call on the Brosses forth with, and after that give them a party. So Mary attended in her old new cloak, went, but alas! they were out. Henry & Maria are going to call to day I hope to find them in. What I am to do for a gown I don't know. The meeting opened with a very good number. The forenoon was profitably enough spent till that wretched Abigail arose & after a long ranting speech as it were seemed like to end, Wendell moved on adjournment. The only folks out of Mass that were here were Cannon's Fuller and Col Miller. Fuller spoke

very well and bating a little vanity & a little self rightness, as
I think him a good man. As for Col Miller, he is a
queer looking person, rough & square, rushing on to a plat-
form as tho' he were commanding a regiment, he is the
most violent of 3^d party, & evidently knows nothing of the
state of the case here in Mass. - Basset & I were made
Secretaries. Adams in the ugliest manner tried to
bring in matters relative to Knapp, but the Resolution was
laid on the table forthwith - The meeting thro' the day, was
tolerably interesting - tho' there was considerable time spent
in fixing the business. In the evening however we had a
most capital meeting, and great satisfaction was had.

Beautiful speeches were made by Wendell & Ellis Gray doing
a very witty speech in part by Bradburn, and the 3^d
party completely used up. Little Ann is in town & is behaving
sincerely & as pretty as can be - Last night I took tea at
C. Place with Mary Robbins, & Mrs Brooks. Your letter by
some body I don't know who, came yesterday morning. The one
that came by Wm Coffin to Emma I believe, tho' perhaps it
was for me I have not had time to get. As W. Coffin
over this afternoon I must finish here. Today has
been principally occupied with money arrangements
Dr F. has given 100, Phillbrick 100 & sundry others have
done well. - Aunt Mary is here, she left Aunt
Phebe but poorly. I will enclose yesterday's notes
as you may pick out some thing, tho' the Resolutions
are not there. - I will write you as I can get
a chance & when I can get the things you
want I will send them - But I

do not really get time to speak to her. there is
Cynthia.

Yes even now.

Miss Deborah Weston.
New Bedford.

M. C. Coffin.

Ms. A. 9.2. 17. 29

ADDITIONALS: The
front is open, which
will be open when you
move around it. The
cause of the stain is a cause
from being for A. E.