

Park St. June 8. 1851.

Dearest Miss Weston,

Tho' I trust no obstacle will inter-  
-vene to prevent my answering your  
letter in person I cannot delay sending  
you one line of sympathy in your present  
anxiety. The last accounts your sister  
gave me <sup>respecting</sup> of your brother made me very  
desirous of late intelligence, but <sup>they</sup> had not  
prepared us for your very unsatisfactory  
report; you may be sure we are warmly  
participating in your impatience for the  
next mail & earnestly hoping it will bring  
you relief. I can't help wishing I had  
foreborne to tease you with my criticisms  
on your declaration of sentiment, but  
you will not now wonder at our constan-  
-tation at your sweeping condemnation  
of the Congregationalists' resolutions, while  
we were beginning to grow conceited at our  
having had a hand in its production,

or at the relief we experience in your  
confessing yourself now of one mind  
with us. I never had any doubt that  
our acts would be in concert, as well  
as our estimate of what others should  
I should not do & be in relation to Slavery,  
we only differ as to the means of making  
converts to the ~~abolition~~. Poor Miss Wigham  
shall be re-discussed when Mr Webb  
is united to the disputants, my belief is  
that there is something in the Quaker mind  
which disqualifies ~~them~~ for discerning  
the <sup>true</sup> relations of old & new organizations.  
Miss Pease & Mr Smeal are almost the  
only exceptions we know of. Ellen Craft  
says Pennington's cant had taken in  
Miss Wigham to such a degree she was  
scarcely open to conviction respecting  
his dishonesty, which was not proved  
to ~~their~~ satisfaction at the time she  
was in Edinburgh as it has been since.  
Now Mr Richardson &c. are declaring them-  
selves convinced of his innocence!  
Have you any proof of Miss Wigham's  
being apprized of his having a hand in the

Mrs. Richardson's circular? I never thought, from  
her letters at the time, that she would  
have tolerated such a suggestion.

Mrs. Richardson & some of her allies have  
highly offended Ellen by scheming to  
turn her to account at a Peace Bazaar.

We have prepared her for <sup>in her help</sup> the zeal of many  
of these dictatorial patronesses cooling  
when they discover she has a will of her  
own; but she seems resigned to keep it &  
be cast off by them rather than give in  
to their bidding. She is in great

trouble at F. Douglass's change of policy,  
or dereliction as she designates it. We write

bring our last Liberator, <sup>to you</sup> but they  
do not contain such full reports of the  
Annual Meeting as the North Star. I

must not spend any more time with  
you having many other things to write  
& do; if this <sup>scribble</sup> is nonsense you must

attribute it to a running commentary  
on the various pro-antislavery articles  
in to-day's Inquirer (which my Aunt  
has been reading aloud all the times of  
my pretending to write) being irresistible.

I think we must try to get an interview with you before the assembling at Hampstead, but you must not let the chance of such uncertain people as we are calling on you in trench in the slightest degree on other engagements. We wish we could devise any way of making Mr Lator less like a pendulum in his Antislavery articles, but he is one of the numberless correspondents who "ignore" our attempts to rectify his erroneous notions. I ought not to have used that word to you without explaining that it is our mode of alluding to our ineffectual efforts to enlighten society.

In much affection

Your loving

Mary Estlin