

"auxiliary ship."
 he stood in the
 break & manfully
 defended it, but the
 whole late on the
 of the raining it in
 for all unwillingly
 & it would be too busy
 to try to cover a
 that he ought to have
 said many of the
 words triumph with
 a struggle. None of us
 was looking for
 (1855)
 the false prophets
 the wood, a clear
 road, their fallings.
 But I am perhaps speaking
 too glibly the stormy
 winds have
 multiply or crawl to
 you in an unprepared
 state of confusion & then
 and you off to
 Mary & Helen

found thoughts of us, & loving wishes. We receive, & take them all our
 thoughts often travel to the dear friends
 at Paris & at Rome. I am so much in
 want of Miss Weston's address that I
 may send her an occasional New-
 paper greeting, you must not forget
 to let me have it next time you write
 I have never answered her last affectionate
 letter to my Father, from want of a knowledge
 how to direct to her. But as writing never
 was so difficult to accomplish as now
 when my Father takes no share in it
 as dependent on idle hands for his
 benefit I have to neglect most respectfully
 three fourths of our friends, & one half
 of the business communications

have not for some years
 been in the habit of
 writing to my Father
 as dependent on idle hands
 for his benefit I have to
 neglect most respectfully
 three fourths of our friends
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 communications

Please let me know
 by what means
 I may be able to
 send my love
 to my dear friends
 at Paris & Rome
 I am very
 affectionately
 yours
 Mary & Helen

come upon us. You understand such things too well to need my dwelling on them; you will always be confident that your & yours live in our warmest memories. Mr Pillsbury has brought me a letter he had been writing, for me to add this line. I am glad you are hearing of our British A.S. movements & counter-movements from him; you may think him more competent to form an unprejudiced estimate of our lack of strength & paucity of resources than we ^{are, at least} do. You never would accept our testimony, not know what you refer to by "our being well snubbed, & distinct being a great matter"; all I can gather from this & other allusions is that you are dissatisfied with Mr Pillsbury's adopting the course which he saw the circumstances required, & going to ^{conferences} to defend the Cause & its friends from false charges or slanders, ^{and his} forcing the new ones, had injured it to listen to his accusations & tacitly admit their truth. Your treatment of the subject is rather unintelligible to

us, but as far as it affects Mr Pillsbury
it strikes me as very hard that the pain^{ful}
of the ~~task~~ ^{task} he so reluctantly but courageously
undertook should be increased by
implied censure ^{on him for} having obeyed the
call of duty. However I think he is too
firmly persuaded of the judiciousness of
the course he took, & ^{too fully} aware of the momentous
service he was thereby enabled to render
to be much disturbed by a contrary view
being taken by those ^{at a distance} who cannot be so cog-
nizant as himself of the demands of the
occasion. He has however a morbid
sensitivity lest he should fail to fulfil
the expectations of his American friends
he feels the responsible to those whom
he represents for his every ^{word &} deed,
& at times is overtaken by fits of de-
pression caused by a fear that they will
think he has compromised them by
some unguarded word or deed, I tell
you this because I have watched the
effect ^{upon him} of trivial expressions of friends which

his unduly sensitive conscientiousness
misconstrued into disapprobation.
I have ^{once or twice} had the misfortune to afflict
him in this way myself, so that I know
what a long process of reasoning & so on
is required to restore his peace of mind.
His presence here has been his invaluable
to us; he makes ^{warm} personal friends where
he goes, & enlightens as well as attracts
those who are prepared to equip themselves
with abolition proper. But neither he nor
anyone else can popularize the Cause
not one in a thousand will hold on when
the touchstone is applied. If Mr P. had
not been here this golden opportunity
"giving Broad St. a good thrashing" (my Fair
says) & knocking them his demerit
heads, would have been lost. ^{And} None of us
at a distance from London would have had
any conception of the true state of affairs.
We should only have heard that Mr G. Thompson
had "accepted the olive branch" (so he writes to
W. Smeal of Glasgow) & that he was satisfied
with the sincerity of the Sturge promises,
reformation. And we, knowing the full
reliance you all placed in Mr T. soon
have accepted his testimony, & may be

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