

Wilm^g 11th Mo 20th 1844

Dear friend

Yours of the 6th & 11th are before me. The latter only came yesterday. When you write always send by mail or private express, as I would so much rather pay postage than have to wait for the slow line, via New York - Standard - bundle.

The tracts I am about publishing will not be suitable to be called "Anti Slavery examinations"; each one will be composed of only 4 pages! I am glad F. Jackson is doing what he is. I will make use of it in my "no 2 tract". I propose printing 10,000 of each number for free circulation in and about the city. I have not made up my mind whether to write for the Bell or not, if I thought I could do any good I would not hesitate, but it is so questionable that I fear to attempt it. I was made to do rather than to say or make others do by my saying. If I write it will go to you this week. S. Mott declines writing. Doubt whether you would be pleased with what she could write, for she is so much influenced, as present by J. S. Carew that she does not see things as she used to. This is to you. Between Sarah Pugh & E. Neall I cannot judge, but if you have not invited many to do so, she is as true as "sharp" as steel. The clearest ^{most independent} Anti Slavery mind in our city, at least with regard to our present & past difficulties, & our whole progress. I do wish you would write to Mother, she does not see as you do about opposing 3^d party. She does not believe it hostile. I will read your letters, suppose you direct them to me, eh! Some will object to selling the Liberty Bell at the Fair, but on reflection, all will agree to, I am certain. Send on all you wish us to sell & send the "6 copies that you come whether or no" as Commission. Do not put the price too high.

From the few friends, who have read your letter about Miss Martineau
there is very sincere ~~joy~~ joy expressed. Anti Slavery, the cause of
Humanity wants her aid. It will not be made public.

A letter has just been rec^d from Wendell Phillips in which
I find he declines coming to our Dec meeting! There is no spot
on Earth he can go to, so more good than to our 3 days gathering
in Dec. Can't you influence him to come. Our new stand is
reducing us to nothing, as regards numbers in this city in
particular. We have so many indifferent folks among us, the
New W.P. to make them take sides. What a glorious thing
it would be if New England & Penn^a could meet once a
week. After the Fair can't you come & spend one or two
months or weeks with us? Much can be done in private
talk, probably more, at the present time. I want all
New England to come & spend a half year here.

Yours & friends
Ellis Davis

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Extracts from the American Slave Code.



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