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Wilmington, 1 mo. 5th, 1863.

Dear Friend Garrison

I see in the Liberator that you propose to advance the price of the Liberator 50 Cents per Annum in consequence of the advance in paper &c. All right. The Liberator must be sustained; it cannot be dispensed with while a slave clanks his chains in this land of boasted Liberty. The beginning of the end of the slave's deliverance has commenced, by the Proclamation of Abraham Lincoln, of freedom to the slaves in the rebel States, with a few exceptions named; which, ^{exceptions} in my humble opinion, ~~was wrong~~ ^{they} will lead to more difficulty, both with Master and Slave, than if all had been declared free without the reservation. I believe it would have been much better for the whole country, if a general proclamation of emancipation had been declared by the President to take effect at once, paying reasonable compensation to all loyal slave holders in the border States, (provided any such could have been found) believing as I do that, had such a proclamation been made, it would ~~do~~ ^{have done} more toward stopping the effusion of Blood, than any other plan that will be adopted, and in the end cost the Government less to pay for such slaves than to prolong the war. Not that I believe it right to pay the master for the slave, but as a matter of Expediency. Every sentiment of my nature is opposed to war, but non-resistant as I profess to be, I have

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have not been able to see how the North could have avoided
war. Slavery must die; till then, the country can
have no peace. I enclose ^{five} Dollars for my subscrip-
tion for the present year, and hold myself as
a subscriber for that sum annually, for the
Liberator, as long as I live, or slavery remaining
to curse our soil. I am not willing to give up
either the Standard, or Liberator. I don't much
prefer doubling my subscription to either than
that they should stop or be embarrassed. With sincere
regard I remain, thy friend, and the friend
of suffering humanity the world over,
Thos. Garrett.

I have been suffering very much for two weeks with
an attack of Billious, and severe cold. Combined,
but with the faithful application of steam and
the free use of water without any medicine
I am now improving. I have kept out of doors
part of each day and to day am at my desk
at the store again, my wife is quite well
this winter and has proved an excellent and
faithful nurse to me, as ever thy friend

Thos. Garrett