

21 Cornhill, Boston,

April 17, 1855.

Dear friend Webb -

Since I have commenced writing the note to Miss Estlin (enclosed with this), I am in receipt of your note of March 29., enclosing your account. - I will briefly remark thereupon:

1. Imprimis. I credit you \$18. on the "Advocate", instead of \$17.25 as mentioned in your account. The difference arises from C. F. Hovey's paying me for 2 years.

- 2. Wm. Skott's £1. for 1852 + '53. is perfectly satisfactory, Mr. Wallcut says.

3. Nothing more need be done on Wm. Martin's account.

4. I am sorry Jas. Raughton feels disposed to cut off his annual contribution to the "Standard", but we shall gladly continue it to him, if he will like to receive it. -

5. Have you forgotten, or never received, my full explanation about Mr. Cotterell's subscription (of Bath)? Altho' ~~he is~~ he is credited to Jan. 1. '55, in the list I sent you, yet he had only paid to Jan. 1. '54. This arose, as I explained, from your having written to me to pay his subscription (which I did), & then ^{your} including it again (some months later) in an account you sent me. This led me to suppose that there were 2 payments from him; it seems there ~~were~~ ^{was} but one. Still, having paid Mr. Wallcut, I thought it not good to take it back, but to let it stand till Mr. C. should pay for 1854, which could then be repaid to me. It seems he has now paid for 1854 (to Miss Estlin), making his account now stand correctly, paid to Jan. 1. 1855. Of course however his 12/6, or whatever he pays, is due to me, who (as it turned out) ~~had~~ ^{owed} advanced his money for 1854, i.e. up to Jan. 1. 1855.

owing to my misunderstanding
of your account

I will endeavour to settle with the
Liberator, Standard, & Travellers, in
exact accordance with your accounts.

In the box of books sent to you, you will
find a copy of N. Adams's "Southside View" —
which I had sent to you, with our respects — before
receiving your request for one. I trust the
box has safely come to your hands before this.

Our House of Representatives, on
Saturday last, voted for the removal of
Judge Lovin 207 to 111 — 96 majority.
It is said that the Senate, — the other branch
of the Legislature — consisting of 40 members —
will give a majority of at least 5 for his
removal, and that the Governor & Council
are certainly favourable. — I understand
an effort is to be made today, in the Ho. of
Reps., to reconsider the above-named vote,
on some technical & quibbling ground; but
I think it cannot succeed. — I hope that
before another 10 days have elapsed, that
~~Judge~~^{Mr.} Lovin will have been removed from his
Massachusetts Judgeship.

The April Advocate is at hand. — The
extract from my letter was not meant for publication,
& should have been trimmed up by you, or Pillsbury,
before printing. There is too much telling of how hard
we have been working. That might be excused in
a letter to Pillsbury, or you, but seems to me in bad
taste for the general reader. —

No call if you like it.

I am happy to inform you (I hope it will reach you in season for the May Advocate, tho' I fear it will^{not}) that ~~all~~ the indictments ~~of~~ in the United States Circuit Court, against Wendell Phillips, Theodore Parker, Thos. W. Higginson, & four or five others, have all fallen to the ground. In the case of one of the accused, the indictment was quashed by the Court on account of ^{fatal} defects ~~existing~~ in it. Upon which decision, the ^{District} Attorney, Benjamin F. Hallett, pettishly remarking that, if that indictment was not a good ~~one~~ & sufficient one, no such one could be drawn up, moved to vol. pro. the suits against all the other ^{parties} ~~respondents~~. So Messrs. Phillips, Parker, &c. ^{have} ~~are~~ virtually and truly triumphed over the Slave Power in this matter ~~and~~ ^{of} The U.S. Government, in Boston, on Massachusetts Soil, shrinks from a contest with them. We consider this a great gain, beyond what would have resulted from ~~a~~ ^{the} favourable verdict of a jury. That would have been simply a declaration that ^{Messrs. Phillips, Parker, &c.} ~~they~~ were not guilty of the acts & deeds charged. This is ~~now~~ a distinct declining, on the part of the Government, to go into ^[declinature, some would say] the conflict with them, clearly anticipating a defeat. I remember that, when these gentlemen were first arrested, I expressed the

opinion in a letter, which ~~was copied~~ you
did me the honour to copy into the
Advocate, that it would not be possible to
get a jury in Massachusetts which would
find Messrs. Phillips & Parker guilty under
that indictment, or on any charge of an attack
upon the Court House & the United States Marshal.
My words are more than fulfilled. I did
not then expect to see the U.S. Government
show so much wisdom, & ~~so~~ so much deference
to the general conscience & opinion of New England
as to abandon the trials altogether. — I understand
that Rev. Mr. Parker intends to publish the
defence, which he proposed to make, before the
Court & the jury, had his case gone to trial. —

Wendell Phillips stands by, and sends
you his "kindest regards."

I must now close —
and with sincerest regards
am truly yours.
Saml May Jr
