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Ans^d, at great
length, June 21/59



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~~My card to Dr. J. F. Johnston~~

Rev. Samuel May
Leicester
Mass.

~~A. K. F.'s
edition~~

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I have some doubt
small part of
what could be
said on some
subjects - of this
even my first
third or ~~seventh~~
of the kind,
not half-
would have
been said
that I have
but in to
this note.
Agents
as well
as Editors,
have both
feelings &
rights.

Jan 16 1859
[See my reply
to this.]

Dear Friend May -

For pity's sake, what
sill Oliver now? Did
he not say in the Stand-
ard of May 7th that
"Dr. Chace has taken the high-
est Anti Slavery-ground -"
did not Mr. Phillips afterwards
declare, & did not Oliver Johnson
print it, that he "occupies
the most harmful position of
any man in America" and
did he not introduce a
Resolution in the N.E. Wa-
ren-ton, censuring Dr.
Chace & expressing the
hope that not a dollar of
aid would ever be given

him, "foreign or domestic",
while he stands as at pres-
ent, in the Church, and
did not Johnson print
that also? And did I,
in the Convention, do one
single iota more, than
simply to quote the pre-
cise words of the two
parties? Let the Report testify.

And now must I, in
this shy, snake-in-the-grass
manner, be taunted with
"unfairness" & even cow-
ardice!! for what I did?

And I wish to ask you, if Johnson's
letter to you, about me, is
a specimen of what you
mean by "private Criti-
cism, among friends"?
Permit me to say that I
have known you too long,

too well, & too favorably,
to regard that language
in connexion with this
letter of Johnsons, as any
other than a most acciden-
tal slip of the pen. } But let me tell
} you there is too
} much of this secret
} corresponding.

Perhaps you do not

know it, but this is not
the first nor second time
I have had good ground
against Johnson. But
I have kept perfect silence,
except in one instance,
and then spoke only to one
single person:—Wm. Phillips,
on that matter. I continue
to get subscribers for the Standard,
and, when I can, & to pour
out my very life in behalf
of the enslaved— I shall
do so, God helping me, till
my last breath is resigned.

But I dare look God and
all his creatures in the face
and say that in my humble
judgement, some of the field
agents at times have been
greatly misused by Members
of the Board. [I do not, can
not say, that one single
intentional injustice
has been done.] And I
also think that had the Reso-
lution at the New England
Convention on Dr. Chur-
ven, been offered by me, much
more by Stephen Foster, it would
have gone with indignation
on to the table. I am, as you
know, to to celo at odds
with Foster about his
political party, his pecu-
liar type of Non Resistance,
and his idea, on expression
of it, on the present & past.

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of the Anti Slavery Cause.
 But all this does not pre-
 vent my seeing wherein
 he has been wrongfully treated.
 I do not care to crit-
 icise the Standard. But
 it is now advertising rather
 conspicuously,

"Greeley's Welland Letters -
Now is the time to subscribe -
 and considerable more.
 At least, this is in the last but one.
 Turning to the letter in
 last week's Tribune, I find
 freely providing most com-
 placently and completely, for with-
 holding from "Indians, Negroes
and their descendants," the right
 of suffrage, "on account of
 their imperfect moral & in-
 tellectual development!!"
 A little above, he intimates
 something about the invel-

create western prejudice"
but has no testimony
to bear against it, any
more than hitherto, the
Standard has against
him. But this is all
aside from the purpose
of my letter.

I meant to have seen you
on Monday. But an hour after
leaving you, I was seized
with a real Western chill follow-
ed on developing into a
very severe Diarrhoea that
prostrated me greatly, & from
which I am by no means re-
covered.

So please pardon
the incoherencies of this letter,
and believe me to be still,

Most truly & sincerely yours -

Peffer Pillsbury

Rev. Samuel May.

Please search ~~your~~ file of the
Standard, for the truth of all I have
said about it & its Editor.