

New York, 25 Sept., 1862.

Dear Garrison,

113 There's still a slight con-
tingency as to the time of starting
for Vermont, but it is almost
fixed that I shall leave here
Wednesday evening, by way of the
Sound. Fanny was here this morn-
ing, and thought she would
go with me.

How do you feel about
the Proclamation? Of course it is
not all that justice requires,
nor all that we would wish;
but hope springs up in my
heart that it will save us.

The Democrats are very bitter, and show
a determination to fight, but I am
confident that they will be over-
whelmed - that the vast ma-
jority of the Northern people
will sustain the President.

That it is possible to coax ~~the~~
or drive the South back into
the Union before the first of
January, I do not believe,
and I am sure Old Abe, having
set his foot down, will not yield.
It remains to be seen whether the
North will have the pluck to push
the war through on this basis,
and carry freedom from

the Potomac to the Gulf. My hope
that she will is very strong.

I have a suggestion to
make to you about Theodore
Weld, which I will put on
a separate sheet, that you may
be able to use it by itself if
necessary.

Yours, with exultation,

Oliver Johnson.

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