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Dear Lizzie,

Here I am, on Sun-  
day's, after a week at Statna Isl-  
and. It is a beautiful day, & this  
is a house on a point, perfectly  
suited, where plans change easily,  
& instead of sitting down to dinner  
with the whole family, as was planned  
at breakfast, I encourage them  
not to leave Ellen alone at  
Bedford, the young ladies decided,  
after one day of shopping (ex-  
ception of to go to Bedford. But,  
not catching the train, returned  
in greats of laughter. Soon, I  
quite as unexpectly, Mrs. Jay  
& Anne (the youngest) re-  
turned from Will. Point. Every  
body follows his or her own

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Sweet will, Telegraphing & re-telegraphing,  
all day long. Preparations all  
making for the 1<sup>st</sup> Winter Cam-  
paign of Augusta & Mary, & in  
the midst of the distraction of  
the Country, people continue to  
keep up the forms of life. Bro.  
Jay, having been rejected from  
the delegation of his Bedford  
Church to the Episcopal convocation,  
has procured himself to be put  
in nomination for "St Phil-  
ips" - the N. Y. Black Church; -  
(titled on the outside, "these  
are they who came out of  
much tribulation".) I should  
have said that Bro Jay procured  
himself to be rejected as an  
abolitionist, in so many  
words, which was of course

like the mud flung in  
the pilgrims' paths - to be  
bound to him as an omen-  
ment. He must have been  
clever to have got such a  
~~reception~~ at just this time  
when every body but the  
proclamant of democracy is  
really an abolitionist.

Lincoln's proclamation  
on this morning is trans-  
lated out of the legal English  
into the vernacular to make  
a proclamation of Abolition  
on the part of Sam.  
Aunt. The Herald also calls it  
"as equivalent to that name,"  
& proclaims it a triumph of  
abolition & of freedom.  
But the greater part of all

but the words of proslavery  
Democrats are dissipated  
with it as not found for  
enough or far enough.

Henry is ready to play old  
Abe, & Dr. Mc Vick as the  
family physician, the  
lately one who at all times  
took a good half hour to  
debate against slavery  
season to us, calling  
Abe the most thoroughly  
worthless to his own self-  
ability & the honor of the  
country, in not having  
been able to say "never"  
"completely" & "unconditionally"  
& forever. Emancipation  
with our penitentiary strikes in  
the nostrils of people, - all  
whom I have seen. And, in

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the resources of the future, I  
 cannot but hope it will be  
 presents. Think of it! our  
 grandchildren paying of  
 Southern claims of this kind,  
 — every man a demand or  
 two! All loyal men I  
 warrant, & the politics of  
 the country turning, sixty  
 years hence our such claims!  
 New log-rolls & truck — I picked  
 ed into Congress to pass them  
 through, just as in our day  
 Dan. Webster to take care of  
 the interests of the Cotton-man  
 factories, & N. E. rights & principles  
 & honour sold to purchase or  
 class legislation for the benefit.  
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those corruptions proferred  
to, we have now another element  
at work. Thus the excess of the  
evil will work its own cure  
I trust. I am in great spirits  
for the cause, though the  
country be so degraded.

— " —  
I trust looked among  
a fit race,  
" I feel at least a patriot.

[Shame]  
It will be our hope for a  
solid and just satisfaction.  
We as Americans shall  
not stand in the way of  
the world's freedom any  
longer, though we could not  
get out of the way, we

I have written  
of course I know what  
of course I know what

lead the advance of humanity. I bear with per-  
fect composure the scolding of the Clubs & the  
Malignity of the times, knowing that such  
elements alone could set us going in the right  
way. It is a sad history, I admit, that we had  
as a country, to be kicked into place -  
but I have spent my life-time to have  
it otherwise, and I accept of progress joyfully, in  
any way obtained, - though my way will be  
thrice the actual method I am used  
to. I wish you could hear Henry Lane!

Perhaps you would think  
him a secessionist - I don't  
know. Such epithets are  
gloriously bestowed now.  
The demagogues call the  
Republicans so, for being re-  
luctant to be slaughtered  
in the camps, rather than  
surrender. If the Demo-  
crats do as they threaten,  
i.e. call back their troops  
from the army, because  
surrender is evoked  
then, & so on, why the saddest  
thing will be on the other hand.  
I should not wonder if we  
had fighting in every street.



One thing I would have you  
 consider, — that Foreigners cannot  
 in the nature of the case be  
 Secessionists. They are of another  
 Parish by birth. And if they  
 think that the North has sham-  
 ed itself "mean, base, slavish, bloody,"  
 & has not prevailed after all, as  
 yet they only think what  
 fifty people <sup>hundreds of distinction</sup> have  
 not to day think. And if they  
 think that Subjugation of the  
 whole, embodied in States & a  
 Government of their own Chose  
 is not governing their birth  
 their own consent, they are not  
 thinking out of the actuality of  
 the case. I proposed, in behalf  
 of Freedom, what we have

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always been to cleave at once  
in behalf of slavery: - Colonies  
to wit. & with those colonies  
& the blacks, we should have  
a majority down there.

Black soldiers would save our  
serVICES & black citizens  
our republican institutions.

But I was amused at  
the opposition to the  
latter idea - their citizenship  
which appeared in a conversa-  
tion between Anne Weston  
& Hearner: To which Com-  
and said it would seem hard  
to give them equal  
rights, after they had shed  
their blood for us. And

we should be bloated aristocrats not to do it. Thus is  
progress pushing its way into the National frame,  
saddened by winter. I have a profound sense  
of ~~some~~ fact now in the good advice I gave  
grants to the friends of the Cause, not to  
compensate. Recompense and, in millions, to change  
the status of the slave. — Not a cent for Com-  
pensation. But directly, already as they method  
must be, the thing will be done. — whom  
long as we may with the deeds of this dis-  
case, this measures of nations, we shall out-

grow to at last. If not  
in the shape of the great  
American Republic, still in  
a better shape. For this  
great American Republic  
has never been any better  
or free than could consist with  
slavery. I see things as they  
are. Not through a haze  
of bloody steam: — the  
devotedness of which, — all  
by itself-devotedness, is too little  
intelligent, — too much like the  
votaries of the rebel, — to satisfy  
a love of justice & freedom.  
I speak of blood & devotedness  
— poor young Honey, he fears is  
badly wounded. He enters in the last line  
as a private — left wife & baby  
& now we see his name among the

Wounded, Dec 4  
My day's shopping with  
Mary and Augusta has produced  
for me a new Bonnet for autumn.

The family extasies themselves  
over its charms. It costs <sup>me</sup> \$5.00.  
It is very becoming, at least I  
got it grosulle-lighted, on a <sup>silver</sup> gray  
Fond & black trimmings - to  
suit gray ~~gowns~~. No Ribbon but  
the things - the edge rucked  
slightly - ~~navy~~ black velvet,  
black & grosulle willow-shaped feathers  
on the left front ~~arrangement~~.

Mrs Jay & Anne use their ~~invention~~  
return to drag Mr. with Augusta &  
Mary, to the theatre. Mrs remains  
at home, tired out, to tell me all  
about the visit w<sup>th</sup> the Hudson, to Mrs  
Wright. Splendid place & all that.

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you tell me you have had a  
Nasty hard letter from Margaret  
Martineau. Pray do not do  
yourself the injustice to be cold  
or unkind in your letters, if  
you write to her. I suppose you  
would find the same fault with  
almost all the letters of abs  
at this crisis. More & more  
the whole country is coming  
to a sense of mental shame.  
Every body is profoundly mortified.  
We have ~~not~~ ~~acted~~ ~~wisely~~ ~~nor~~ ~~do~~  
we appear well, since the up-  
rising I know the circumstan-  
ces of the situation will free  
us out right, - & it is, awful  
for me, who have done so  
much to cause them to  
talk too much about them

to a suffering generation, altho' it is for their sins.  
They are suffering. But I should be terribly afflic-  
ted to see Europe, looking on, blind to the case,  
when it is to the clear-sightedness & vibrant voices  
of warning & counsel from other lands that  
they have to look, <sup>at a time when</sup> we really  
have for Statesmen, like a fable doct & a serpent  
know, for political philosopher, not one. For  
Legislative & financial faculty, so little that our  
trading merchants, like John Forbes, who have  
made millions, grow in spirit to see such a fact as  
ignorance & corruption together have made of  
the Treasury department. Things like these must be,

at every time of revolution.  
The extreme terror of falling  
into anarchy, & what people he  
popular call "real and war in  
our own streets," makes them  
submit to a folly & tyranny  
that are really hellish, if they  
were not idiotic: the fruit  
of the corrupted blood that  
has oozed through chains for  
generations. Oh to see the  
heaps & heaps of slain -  
whole regiments of filles de  
famille, wasted by calu-  
lating, - in view of the next  
card of populency. McClellan is the  
last <sup>of his</sup> flowering at the North. For though  
he might have entered Prussia,  
the Princes can't say so; - can't be

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such things. But the mur-  
 dered people, those whose mere  
 instincts compelled this war, (blessed  
 since nothing else would serve)  
 — they will, I hope, arise at  
 second time, — wise enough  
 to compel emancipation im-  
 mediately, by a Moral Power  
 which shall tell as the uprising  
 did, over the heads of corrupt  
 politicians, & selfish clergymen  
 & calculating newspaper scoundrels.

I will only add respecting  
 Harriet that she has labored  
 & sacrificed herself in every possi-  
 ble way for the freedom of the  
 U.S. We know no one who has  
 been so successful in serving them.  
 For she knows as well as feels

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aright; while, in these last  
matters all our abolitionists  
but Garrison, have shown  
themselves utterly unequal to  
the occasions as they arose.

I ever Garrison was the first  
to suggest compensation to  
the President!

I should like, <sup>on some accounts</sup> to go  
over with you, proud by your  
the failures in common  
sense & common judgment  
our abolitionists ever, have  
made, as soon as the you-  
time they had been broken  
into, ceased to be the thing to  
continue. - But on the whole,  
as it is a new day & new

men, It is better to take wh  
the rest of this sheet in telling  
you their views on the President's  
proclamation.

They ignore the past  
delays, mistakes, sins of the  
government - its ignorance, its  
folly, its tyranny. Which is wise.

They interpret it, (the Evening  
Post & the Tribune) as  
an act of emancipation.

As I make every slave  
in the land free. They bless the  
day, 22 Sept. & the man, Abm  
Lincoln.

The Federal Submits. The  
Journal of Commerce favors but  
bears it. At Washington a few  
immense satisfaction.

I must tell you that  
all the talk before steamers sail  
about Bullmont's victory, is a sham.

Stupid general, who did not know any better than to let the  
enemy to force his provision train. Well - I mean - that  
you will be here.

were dust - flinging at Europe  
But the consequences of defeat  
are blessed. The instinct of  
the people proper, is wonderful  
They write home after these  
scars of needless bloodshed -  
"The more we are licked  
the more we aint!" & it  
is true. The political soldiering  
of pro-slavery generals is  
all blessed to the cause:  
the Cause safe, the Country  
safe, whatever becomes of  
the Republic of '89. We  
made lint, all the while  
I was at Warren's, for the  
little Union town of Redens  
in Maryland, near which  
Capt. Shaw is fighting. He  
writes that they were burning on from Abbe  
& been corn. That was because of a

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