

Weymouth August 6. 1851

Dear Lydia

We are a distressed household as you may well suppose -
 waiting in still more anxiety, as the
 last steamer has us no letters -
 heard from home. Our only intelligence
 is from Mr. Bates - that Emma had
 returned home by telegraph, because
 she was expected to live but a few days.
 Since this steamer we avoid all exertion
 and all company - so no where
 see no body - so that I have no
 news to write. We are all well how-
 ever - Mrs. Weston unusually so &
 Rosanna, Helen & Wazzy very bright.
 They are playing with their mother
 and has just come with them, but
 she is now on a visit to her son Charles.
 Deacon Moses has just died & was
 buried in the forenoon of N.E.
 Sabbath. They all went to the funeral
 (except Helen & Wazzy.) The war goes
 on & probably will so on, as the disaster

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at Bull's Run did but add fuel to the
 flame. People now rush to the centres
 of Substment, & wish on being
 engagements, & every body declares
 that the United States are the better for
 being beaten, if beaten they were. It
 is probably worth such a battle as
 that of old Sumner's Hill. Genl McClellan,
 the new Commander, says no prede-
 cessor, Genl McDowell made a splen-
 did reconnaissance for him. Wendell
 I am all living at Milton this
 Summer, with George. He is more
 & more eloquent & less & less mathe-
 matically sensible, as it seems to me, &
 John More a hunter of popularity. But
 matters are now safe from the short-
 comings or overreaching of Abolition-
 ists. Neither the faults of this one
 or the excellences of that one, can
 do much any way, for the bulk
 of the people had taken it
 charge, & the administration
 has begun to pick at the loaves
 of the train. This is not a letter

for translation, remember. I hope
to be able to send you \$700 this
autumn, which, little Langel is the
catalane of his bow & spear. All the
pro-slavery newspapers are dying off
like flies. Of course & the good (Boston)
are both, it is said, on their last legs.
Your little Henry Couring went in -
but through the battle of Bull,
but is among the missing -
supposed to be a prisoner at Manas-
ses junction. Your Aunt Mary
wishes to visit at Bedford with the
Lays. Henry & his wife & Baby are
well. Mr. Lays has just (4 July)
delivered an Oration which had a
great vogue on the great Con-
fusion of England's neutrality. "The
secretary before us found us today that
England is secretly & unlably seeking
to break up the United States because
she hates it is afraid of us, as Wendell
does, but he goes with the popular
sentiment to

old democrat cry. But its a nice
oration. Wendell's (18 Aug.) is
a nice speech. It is simply silly
to make such a speech - i.e. for
Wendell to damage his good course
to the front to emancipate under
the war - comes by adding "do
it to cripple England, who hates
wants to cripple you" But I am no
matter, as I said before. Dr. Farnsworth
is dead. 72 years old. Rebecca Wain
wright is Secretary of the Boston
Army Clothing Committee. I suppose
it is a paid office. I have slung
the Festival into the Society. I had
no choice. The omission of the Am.
Society & the N. A. Com. in the Spring
left us without money, & we were
obliged to send out repeated circulars
& still were short. We voted to create
Sub treasurers in England, on James
& Marys motion, so as to pay
off Thompson there, & all that,
absorbed the subject matter for
money rather of the Festival.

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I have received replies of many
I asked the Board to take
the Journal into its own hands,
I had money owing it which it
has paid off & now
I am about to advertise thus:

The XXVIII. N. A. S. Soc. Anniversary

will be held on the eve or in the course
of the Ann. Meetg of the N. A. S. Soc.
in Jan. next. Notices of the same will
be given by the Board.

We propose meanwhile, to
advance our subscriptions as
far as practicable & entreat our friends
at home & abroad to do the same, not
waiting till the expiration of the
year, address their subscriptions
to William A. Pondrich Esq. Treas-
urer of the Socy. & S. Soc.
and M. W. Chapman.

I have a great pleasure to say
that for non collection of money
separates from the Society, at the
present time, which is, that it exposes
only to their heads & requires as to
how it is to be kept & to be kept,

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I should be obliged to counsel &
disclaim, & argue, & bring the
Minds of Donors & Recipients into
agreement, before I could raise a
Cent. - & though this was always
the case, it is not worth while
to do it at this time, when the
rapid rush of events is doing it so
much better, without the disagreeable
consequences of "quarrelling among
ourselves." There is no need
now of any such process. And
just now the funds are absolutely
skinny in this great sentiment.
Garrison has said to the colored
people once, "Let us stand till we
see the salvation of Jud." Following
screaches thereupon, say unto the
children of Israel that they be
Garrison said on the 4 July,
"My time to speak was 30 years
ago, & I used it." Wendell takes
the next chance to say, "Let
who will be silent, my lips
shall never be sealed." &c. &c.
In the midst of these

Remarks, one sees that the pressure from
without is removed. In fact the cause
is won. Tho' blood & fire, very true, but
won.

My love to Florence &
her husband. I suppose you
are in Paris by this time. —
Now they are in Rome we
must wait to know. Having
done our best all round,
let us not consider any thing
ominous that befalls us. There is no
harm in resignation after
the event, neither is there
any in being refused
where we can't interfere &
have no means of resistance,
before the event.

Pray write. I tell
every thing that befalls you.
Love to the Babies.

Your aff Parent Bird
A.M.C. ~

reminds me that the President
is now. The blood has, my dear, but
I am.

My love to Howard
in London. I suppose you
are in Paris by this time.

How they are in France. I
must write to you. I am
done on but all soon.

Let us not consider any thing
more is that better. There is no

more in comparison of the
the event, better a time
any in being performed

where we can interfere
have no means of resistance,
before the event.

Your mother & the
every thing that better you
love to be looking.
Yours aff. parent
C. M. G.

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