

all well. Weymouth. April 2. 1849.

Dear Maria,

Before taking up any other matter I will answer first with the Philadelphia Fair proposition. We do not think it will do at all. We all cried out with one voice that we should rather do all we did last year twice over than undertake it at Phil. In the first place I saw myself getting up my coat & knives at North Church St, a dinner awaiting, my strokes at Edward Davis's, or Dr Pamb (supposing he were in the flesh) being summoned to Deborah. All this is bad enough. Let Poplar St, or even Channing St. But the truth is there is the South Shore W. R. & it is a comfort to think that with best analysis we can be deposited on their own nearest shore. Then again there is to speak no matter in Phil. They have more things now than purchases. They have no hold on the friends of Phil. & we should have more. The sources of our influence in Boston are local. But I will not multiply words. L. & E. & Deborah as soon as she arrived from N. Y. & read the letters, all went out in an agony against her. We have come to this conclusion. We will hold the Fair in Boston, but not in December. These circumstances alone will prove considerable work. Fringing & country friends & all these <sup>wife</sup> be a great item of trouble paved. Then I will have no refreshment room. This cuts off Mrs. Irving & her paper numerous & puts a stop to the enormous <sup>of</sup> considering going on there. We shall not need Levy, & by the way, we thought best winter, this evening thing was on select that we were quite willing (to be paid of him) Taylor of course. We care of him as much as we would be, but that will please Franny. We must get Whitcomb to tend the door and for obs for did de camp. He was every thing but write to Mr Smith & Caroline Wilburin. I shall manage the Refreshment ~~Bill~~

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There is a new Dancing Hall at the Corner of Summer  
W. that I shall look at & try to see if any  
arrangement can be made by which that  
can be obtained. I see there are objections to  
Foreign Fair & I will therefore make no more  
attempt. I shall make no effort to get in country  
friends to the Fair. Those that come must be  
looked after but I trust you will see very fruitful people  
will come. Now therefore you may stir up all the English  
friends to give every thing they can hold upon & when  
the time comes we will see all we can - & I shall  
be easy, let the result be as it may. As for the Liberty  
Bell, if we have one, I doubt not that Edmund  
would do it very joyfully. It is not that I could not  
get through it, did I make the Cause my first  
objekt, but I design that the comfort, health, wealth  
& respectability of the Weston family should be that,  
and especially when Emma is gone, will my hands  
be pretty full. My only hesitating about the Bell is  
that I shall be bound to must more laid out on it,  
& don't justly know as enough I could be collected for it  
but it undoubtedly does a work especially abroad.  
I will throw out another thought. How would it do  
to have the Fair come off the 1st of Dec. instead of  
later. I will take no action about it however till I  
hear from you. You can write if you like a Circular  
or write Fair call to you & Caroline & every sign it &  
then I will look up the other Ladies. I hope Mary will  
be at home by the next Fair. Her help will be very  
valuable indeed. In selling & marketing she is excellent.  
It will be a good thing too to have the Chauncy  
Mare house open. The Marys will I suppose stand by  
& do well - also the Paragons. Of course I shall say  
nothing about the Phil Scheme to any body & shall  
stop sale the documents. I had a letter from Mary, Geo  
the other day asking Miss Stone's character as a Lecturer  
& especially sending her love to you. In it she says that  
they have begun their Fair preparations & hope to have

a better Fair than ever. My hints about having the Fair  
the 1st of Dec, arises from the circumstance that the  
weather is generally better then than at Christmas time.  
Now to other matters. We were all tenive every be  
near of poor dear Lizzies sleep but trust that the is smart  
& well see this. You must have see had a suffering time  
of it, though I suppose it was Caroline who bore also  
the hell in warring. I hope you will all be individually  
careful of yourselves. We are all in tolerable health  
though Ma has a little of the rheumatism & is in a  
great state of mental disquiet & humbleness, & I must  
wages with some cause. When Newey returned from  
N. Y. where he has just made a visit, he  
& Deborah returning together, he brought a  
French a German girl who cannot speak one single  
word of English. Newey has to be the spokesman  
& me with the aid of phrase books pay what we  
can. Ma has wholly fled from the kitchen & sits  
groaning over her hard fate in the parlour. I hope she  
may grow more comfortable. As for the girl, Annette  
she is a very obliging, pleasant kindly creature, very  
reasonably neat, & thus far a very satisfactory cook  
We have not had any washing & ironing done yet  
but hope she may shine there. She is very quick &  
apt to learn. Newey & Deborah returned from N. Y. on  
the night of Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> Newey having had then  
a very pleasant visit of nearly a fortnight. They  
reported that Warner had had letters by the last  
Steamer from Mr B. in which he said he should be  
writ on the 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of April or the 5<sup>th</sup> of May.  
He should stay here about 6 weeks & Mrs B. would  
accompany him if her courage held out. The Revellons  
who were the 4<sup>th</sup> of this month taking Rebecca  
Warrington with them. They offered in the handsomest  
manner to take E. with them, she to share Miss  
W's state room, & they would keep her till there  
was a good chance to send her to Paris. We

declined in a very polite manner for I thought it  
the best way; but I believe I wrote you an  
account of this by the last steamer. I do not see  
that Mr & Mrs B. can decline the charge but as  
I cannot tell yet exactly what story to tell people, I  
am in hopes to hear from them in answer to the  
letter which I trust you have written them. I suppose  
the invitation of the Bachelors got about through the  
Wainwright fraction, for on Saturday night last I was  
startled by a letter from Mrs Fuller taking a tender  
farewell and enclosing a letter from you. Sunday  
came more disappointed - a letter from Catherine Robinson  
for you & books for La Roche from Eliza & a note  
from Mary, asking if she were going direct as they  
had little packages, they wished to send to England.  
The same letter reassured the hearts of the  
friends as to Emma's sudden absence or rather Exodus.  
I must say you have not saved your dear Eliza's  
feelings in one particular. She says in a grieved way  
that neither Caroline nor the children have ever  
sent her their love or the least message. Now you  
threw home had the forethought to have asked  
them for messages, & arranged them accordingly.  
Matters come it gave. The Standard will be upheld  
for the present, Francis's great difficulty appearing to  
be, not that the paper could not be sustained  
but that it was not worth while to publish it for  
so few subscribers. Fanny asked me for what number  
of subscribers I should think it worth while to keep  
it up, & I said as long as we had 1000. I hope  
a good deal from Edw. and for though Lowell has  
done extremely well, he has brought in no new  
subscribers. Garrison behaved very well at the Boston  
Meeting & so did Abby Kelley who was down at the Boston  
last B. D. Meeting. She wished help for the B. D.  
but she generously gave up her mania on that point  
& cooperated for the ~~cause~~ <sup>Standard</sup> & took shame to herself  
for having introduced Nathaway into the field.  
I will write, address my order sheet to Caroline. Yrs ever  
A. W. W.

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