

27 Holly St
March 25/70

Dear Mr. Garrison,

I had recently a very kind note from Mary Grew, in reference to my father; - which, after a little unavoidable delay, I have just been acknowledging. At its close, after saying I had forwarded to S. J. May a letter she had sent to my care for him, I felt moved to add, as follows:

"I understand an effort is making to hold a special meeting of the "Antislavery Society" in honor of the adoption of the 15th Amendment; - Mr. Garrison having read to me a note he had rec^d from M^{rs}. Mott, in which she kindly included my name. If the Society did not think the Amendment, abolishing & forever prohibiting Slavery, an occasion for its special commemoration, - a National Endorsement of its own Principle & Work, as it was, - it does seem to me superfluous for it to hold a special meeting for this latter Amendment, -

"which, quite as much as the former, leaves its practical application yet to be made. - The Society might most justly have laid claim to a large share of direct & indirect influence in bringing about the former amendment. No particular Society, or movement, can prefer any such claim in regard to this latter. The movement for that was, from the first, a far broader one than any society, or all societies together, could form. If any one set or body of the people can claim it as their own, it surely belongs to the Republican party; and the great body of that party, and of all who have acted with it, for righteous political reforms, it seems to me, should unite in commemoration of the gain of this amendment".

Of course M. G. won't agree to that view of it - though the Sun's light, now enabling me to write this, is not a surer fact to me, than the above. - I saw

S. J. M. briefly yesterday. He told me
you had shown to him Mrs. Mott's notes,
but I had not time to ask any farther,
- I hope he won't be inveigled into any such
assembly.

Will you, & W^m. Jr., & Frank, see
if you can hunt up any of the following,
for the Boston Pub. Library?

- (1.) "Mapth. Anti-Slavery Socy.'s" Annual
Reports; - all, prior to 1842; & 1850.
- (2.) "American A. S. Socy.'s" Do. do.; all,
after 1855.
- (3.) "Right & Wrong in Boston" - No. 2.
- (4.) ^{first,} Second, or Third, Decade Pamphlets.
- (5.) [^] The Kopsuth pamphlet.
- (6.) The 20th Anniversary Boston Mob pamphlet.

- Any of the above I should be glad

to obtain; - and as soon as may be.
If any are found, would Frank kindly
oblige me, by leaving them here?

~ My mother remains pretty comfortable
- yet quite feeble. She has been down
stairs, to dinner, every day this week.

- I hear that B. Spooner sits up
now; - but I suspect he is greatly broken
down.

Hoping soon to see you

I am
Yours truly

S. May