

Worcester, May 17, 1864.

Dear Mr. Garrison:

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Please give

the enclosed notice in the
Liberator of the present week.

On reaching here Friday last
I found Anna and our
little one, after almost a
month's separation, very well.

On Saturday I wrote out as
best I could, and forwarded
to Oliver a report of the
Wednesday's business meeting.

The impression left upon me by
the meetings, as a whole, is very
pleasant. That which is
personal and superfluous in
discussion I never enjoy
anywhere.

Underlying the presidential question,

that which, to my own mind, is
of primary importance, is the
amendment of the Constitution.
With this rightly settled, (as by
the House of Reps. & special
sessions of Legislatures it might
easily be, before next Nov.) I
would ^{have} little anxiety about
the presidency, whether the
Baltimore Convention nominate
Mr. Lincoln, or some body else.

While I do not believe in
a third nomination at
Cleveland, I am impelled
to dissent from your
judgment as to the re-
nomination of Mr. Lincoln.

Granting him all credit
due for what he has done

for emancipation under the
inspiration^{of} "military necessity";
I believe there are men,
available men, in the
nation better qualified than
he to administer public
affairs in the period of
Reconstruction, — men who
are not so thoroughly
Blair-ized, and who would
not continually undertake
the foolish, and wicked experiment
of putting down with one
hand, while upholding with
the other the same thing.

I believe the Baltimore
Convention would be sus-
tained by a majority of the
people in presenting a
candidate for president

whose administration would
be as much of an improvement
upon Mr. Lincoln's, as Grant
is superior to McClellan
as a Lieut. General.

This conviction I know to be
shared by distinguished and
influential republicans, who are
not of the Cleveland, or third party
movement.

Anna desires to be affection-
ately remembered to Mrs. Garrison,
to Fanny, Frank, William, & yourself -
She will not be able to journey, with
our little ^{one} beyond the Worcester
home at this time.

It is my purpose to attend
Suzie's closing exercises in Cambridge-
her gymnastic class - on Thursday even-
ing of this week, & to meet a lecture
appointment, which Mr. May has arranged
for me in the vicinity of Boston on
Friday evening. I shall hope to see you all,
without, in Mrs. G's feebleness, adding anything
to your household care.

As ever, sincerely yours,
Aaron M. Powell.