

Germanstown, Phil<sup>a</sup>

March 7<sup>th</sup> 1865

Dear Mr. May,

Your letters of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. & the 25<sup>th</sup> ult. were duly received, and were very welcome. Since the receipt of the earliest in date, our Ex. Com. have held a meeting, at which I laid before them a portion of your letter, and the subjects on which you ask our opinions were freely discussed. On one point we are entirely unanimous, I believe; that our stati. Slavery organisations should not be dissolved, until Slavery is legally abolished. Also, that this will be done, when the Amendment shall be ratified by three fourths of the States. I think, also, that we agree in the opinion that when that ratification shall be completed, & the consequent announcement made by the proper

authority, that American Slavery has  
ceased to exist, the time will have  
arrived for the dissolving of Anti-  
Slavery Societies. We all wish that  
that might be in May next, when  
we assemble at our Anniversary meet-  
ing; but it is not to be confidently  
expected. Indeed it cannot be,  
except by the act of the President,  
assembling the new Congress, & their  
passage of Sumner's Resolution, re-  
lative to the votes of the revolted  
States, or by their admission to the  
Union of some of those States, whose  
votes might aid the ratification, none  
of which events are to be looked for,  
I presume.

As to the Standard the feel-  
ing was not so strong; but the desire  
was expressed, by us all, that it should  
be continued, if possible, while the  
Loc<sup>l</sup> exists. The practicability of this  
Mr. Mott thought we could not de-

terminate until our Meeting in May.

If the desire for its continuance should be strong, in the Soc<sup>y</sup>, the means of its support may be furnished then. If not, the next best thing will be to substitute the Liberator for it, as far as may be; though, of course, Mr. Garrison's paper cannot be the organ of the Am. Soc<sup>y</sup>.

You may recollect that the Penn<sup>a</sup> A. S. Soc<sup>y</sup>. at its last Annual Meeting voted in favor of the union of the two papers.

For one, I should be sorry to see the Standard go down, before our final victory is completely won; still if the money for its support is not forthcoming, we must yield to necessity.

I spoke of the opinion of our Committee being unanimous. Mr. Mc'Kim was absent; but he seldom meets with us, now; Mess<sup>rs</sup> Purvis & Davis, who were also absent, would have agreed with us, I am sure, on the first point.

I cannot speak confidently, for  
them, respecting the Standard.

I am much obliged to you for  
your last letter; it saved me the  
trouble of looking up the proofs  
that the statement, concerning the  
pay of colored soldiers, in my Re-  
port is correct. I am very glad  
that the Report meets your ap-  
proval.

I hope to meet you in New  
York, in May. Please give my love  
to Mrs. May, also to Adèle, with  
thanks for her letter. I am delight-  
ed with the success of your Fair in Lan-  
cester; and with the results of the  
Festival.

Very truly Yours,  
Mary Grew.