



Ghent, N.Y., Nov. 11, 1861.

Dear Mr. May:

I send you enclosed, (in postage stamps) fifty cents, my subscription for the London Advocate, for the year just closed. This it was my intention to have handed you when we last met, but in our brief interviews it quite passed from my mind. I think I will not renew the subscription for the coming year - though from a several years familiarity with its pages I regret much to part company with it. Still it being so largely a

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republication of American
ideas, (the more valuable for
English readers,) I will for
the present close my subscription.

The Annual Report I shall
be very glad indeed to ~~see~~.

Though late in appearance it
is very important to have it.
- especially to meet truthfully
the future historical demands.

We did indeed very much
regret to miss the contemplated
visit with Mr. Garrison &
Wendell here a week ago. The
storm here was severe without
precedent on Saturday, but not
sure that they had not left
New York in the morning for

Then, I went to the Station on the arrival of the last p.m. train for them. We had anticipated much pleasure in their visit.

The anti-slavery tracts appropriated to the Albany office should have been retained for distribution in this State, wherein their influence is needed & profitable. Though inevitable under the circumstances I very deeply regretted that this office must be closed. It was a most valuable agency and an important Anti-Slavery "focus." Since its close applications for tracts, &c, continue to be not un frequently addressed

to Lydia Mott, But she has
left the city, called to Michigan
by the critical condition of her
private affairs, which were
entrusted to a business man
who is, I suppose, upon the
eve of bankruptcy, as are
now very many western
merchants. It is uncertain
when she will again be a
resident of Albany, and I fear
she may never be. Thus we
are deprived not only of her
office work, as rendered for the
year past, but also of her
presence, ~~and constant~~ cooper-
ation, and much gratuitous
service upon which for years
past we have so much relied.
Another removal which I

feel very much, in behalf of
our cause, at this juncture
of affairs, is that of George E.
Baker to Washington. Though
not distinctly of us as an
abolitionist, his labors, very
faithful and constant, with
our documents &c, transcended
in importance the services of
nine tenths of more openly
avowed abolitionists. And
now we are without the
available, executive friend of
our cause in the city to
watch and direct its interests,
while the demands upon us, it
seems to me were never
greater than at present,
and ^{are} likely to be, especially

on the assembling of your
next Legislature.

I mentioned to Mr. Garrison in a
late letter my own plan of Anti-
Slavery labor for the winter, which
was for a series of occasional
meetings in Eastern New York, - not
attempting as much as heretofore in
consideration of my health, - that
however is much better than when
I last saw you.

To accomplish work important
to be done by way of securing a
circulation of our documents,
reaching more effectively the
Legislature and keeping up
communication with friends in
different localities, I will,

if it may be with the approval
and cooperation of the Committee,
assume the duties of a more general
agency than that in particular
of the lecture field. That is I will
take in charge the bulk of tracts which
Miss Mott returned, and which are a super-
fluity with you, and of such other
publications, especially of later issue,
as you may like to send to me,
(mostly gratuitous, a few for sale)
-keeping a supply continually at
hand, - using them at different
periods in the Legislature, - distribut-
ing them through the mails, - and
by such other special arrangements
as, in an economical way, I may
be able to make, - mainly in Eastern

New York - up and down the river.

An excellent work, beside the occasional lecturing which I contemplate for the winter, I think could be done thus, by way of influencing the public mind, - with a moderate outlay of money. Should you think well of some such arrangement giving me discretionary authority to act, I will cheerfully do the best I can in rendering it efficient to continue the Anti Slavery growth which our consecutive efforts here for a few years past have stimulated.

My wife, who is heartily enlisted in our movement, will accompany me to some extent in meetings. She has not had experience in speaking but purposes to assist somewhat

in that respect, and is especially interested in the tract distribution.

Without compensation she would be glad in the name of the Society to solicit contributions to the treasury, subscriptions to the papers, &c. - having her expenses met.

Should you conclude to send me a heavy box of tracts, &c, forward it as freight to Chelham 4 Corners, - not by Express - which would materially diminish the cost.

We are all very glad to hear that your health is improved; also that Mr Heywood is again better.

We infer that he was for a
time quite seriously ill.

When next you write me
will you please mention the
names of ^{were} the two beautiful
vines which, trailing within
the windows of your parlor
at Leicester when we were
there, we remember them
as very pleasing to the eye
but cannot recall their
names.

Please remember me cordially
to your wife & daughters, in
which remembrance my wife
heartily joins me, also to yourself.

As ever very truly & sincerely
your friend,

Aaron M. Powell.

Most cordial regards from his sister
Lorrie Powell.