

Leominster Dec 1<sup>st</sup>/45

Dear Mrs Chapman

I send you such greenery as I have been able to procure. Should have been glad to have done ~~the~~ some hoops and the like, but snow has come so I shall not be able to get any thing more. I dont know as the greens which I have wound will answer any purpose, they may do to wind round a post in some obscure corner, if not you can easily cut the string and take it apart, and fix it to your mind. I am trying to do a little for the fair, but my time has been all taken up of late in the Texas warfare. I have spent several days in circulating the Petitions, walked five miles one day calling from house to house delivered anti-Texas tracts, battled the Stupid Whigs, & the wicked Democrats. One old Federalist had the politeness to tell me, that Women did not or could not know anything about Politics, only what the men told them, & that they were as likely to tell them wrong as right. I am glad he was willing to own their guilt, I told him, I would gladly leave the work to the Whigs, if they would do it. But to their shame be it said, they have done little or nothing, some of them have to be sure, signed the petition when they were asked so to do I have obtained over three hundred names, mostly Women. have not felt inclined to circulate the petition for the men much, for fear of stepping out of my appropriate sphere. if I had have done it. I am sure I could have got twice the signatures we now have. Now I have a favor to ask of you, that is, that you will secure a home for Miss Maria Richardson for the first three days of the fair, she is one of the Slaves best friends, ever faithful. she has very little confidence in her own abilities, but is nevertheless very efficient, I am very desirous she should attend the fair, as she is very observing, & will notice many things that will aid us in our labours hereafter. She wishes to stop where she could have company going to, & returning from the hall, as she is an entire stranger in the city, she would go to a public house if it were not for this - Please inform us if she can be accommodated.

Yours as ever G. H. Drake

The Box is a donation from Gen Eastabrooks, he has large quantities  
of it in his garden, so I ventured to ask him to make a donation to the fair

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