

Leicester, Aug. 19/60.

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Dear Phillips,

Stephen & Abby Foster have been taking tea with us & tell me they are going to Boston tomorrow to attend a meeting of the Hovey Committee, and I take the opportunity to ask your attention for a moment to a subject I mentioned to Mr. Garrison & yourself a short time since,

When the Exec. Committee of the Am. Society proposed to me to take a vacation from the office, and perhaps a trip to Europe, it was intimated to me that I might

Expect a continuance of
the salary attached to the
office; but this was probably
on the supposition that, in
England, I might be able to
render some equivalent
service to the Society. - The
respite from work, which
I am taking, is of a different
kind from that the Comtee
contemplated when their
vote was passed; I am
aware; - besides, I have
ever felt a strong
repugnance to receiving
of the Anti-Slavery Society
any compensation for
services not actually
rendered to it, & to the
cause; and have never
done so, but, on the contrary,

have sometimes forbore to
ask for that which I might
justly have asked. - I
do not feel willing to ask a
receive money from the Society,
(I mean to say) - for this time
that I am spending out of
their service. But it
seems to me that I may
properly ask of the Hovey
Fund Trustees some Compens-
ation for a good deal of
extra work which I have done,
caused by the publication &
distribution of their tracts.
It was, to a great extent,
extra work; yet work which
I did gladly, and for which
I should never have thought
of asking one dollar's payment,
~~for~~, of the Society; - but,

inasmuch as the service
was done for the Hovey
Fund's work, and as (I
suppose) their means are
amply adequate to pay
for such work, it seems
not to be improper for me
to suggest that they pay me
something for what I have
done. - But, let me add,
if they think otherwise, I
shall not have a word of
complaint to utter. - Only,
in the absence of the usual
salary, the amount which
they might vote me would
be acceptable & helpful, -
and, as I feel I earned it, would
be taken without reluctance,
Truly Yrs. S. May Jr