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Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel May Jr  
Anti Slavery Office  
221 Washington St  
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Messrs

I need not say to you, I trust,  
that no allusion to the subject  
of the within note shall  
escape me to any  
one - R. F. H.

Jefferson Ashtabula Co Ohio  
Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1863

Samuel May Jr.

Dear Sir

I want to learn from you if I can, if Parker Pillsbury is employed by the American, or Massachusetts Anti Slavery Society, and if those who employ him know and approve his theories and practice on the marriage question. Suffering as I am from his interference with my family I think it not improper for me to ask you these questions, and will be greatly obliged to you if you will answer them. From the Liberator of Feb 6<sup>th</sup> I see that by your motion he was placed upon the business committee of the M. A. Society at its last meeting and hence conclude you do not know him as I do.

Respectfully Yours  
C. S. Griffing

[ Copy. ]

In reply.

Leicester, Feb. 21 / 63.

Dear Mr. Griffing,

Your letter of Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> reached me after a little detention on the way. In reply to your inquiries, I have to say that P. Pillsbury is not now an Agent of either the American or Mass<sup>ts</sup> Antislavery Society but is acting as an Agent of the Trustees under the Hovey fund. In that position acting for several of those who are members of the Exec. Com<sup>tees</sup> of both Societies, I re- ceive their full confidence, as I have no reason to doubt.

Certainly I do not "know him [P. P.] a do", if you know anything prejudicial to his character as a just, pure, & moral man. And your letter contained the first breath of a suspicion on the subject I have ever heard of, and has astonished me beyond measure.

If you really "know" anything wrong in his "theory & practice on the marriage question", I feel it my duty to our Society, to my associates, and to the Anti-Slavery Cause, to ask you to tell me what it is, as painful and abhorrent to my feelings as any such disclosure must be. I am, &c. &c. S. M. Jr."

MS. B. 1. 6 v. 9, p. 63