

Philadelphia, Aug. 3, 1847.

Dear Wife:

58 A year ago, this day, I arrived in London, and was, therefore, at a distance of three thousand miles from you. Now I am in Philadelphia, some three hundred miles away. So far as separation is concerned, it is the same whether we are hundreds or thousands of miles apart; but then, as a matter of speedy return, it is a matter of very great consequence as to what the relative distance may be. I could be with you in less than twenty-four hours, if necessary - that is comforting. But then, you will say, "you are but commencing your journey away from home, and are to be gone till the 1st of October." True, but no frowning Atlantic ocean is between us, and the time, after all, in reality, whatever it may be in feeling, is very short.

Nothing occurred on the way, worthy of special remark. Our trip from Norwich to New-York was as serene and quiet as possible, when we arrived at 5 o'clock. At 9 o'clock, I crossed the ferry, and took the cars for Philadelphia - arriving at 2 o'clock, J. M. M. Kim being at the wharf to escort me to the dear home of our beloved friends, James and Lucretia Matt, who gave me a warm reception of course.

Aug. 7 -  
Our three days meeting at Norristown closed last evening, and a famous time we have had of it. Every day, two or three hundred of our friends from Philadelphia come up in the cars, and the meetings were uniformly crowded by an array of men and women, who, for thorough-going anti-

slavery spirit, and solidity of character, are not surpassed by any in the world. Douglass arrived on the second day, and was justly the "lion" of the occasion; though a considerable number participated in the discussions, our friend Lucretia Mott speaking with excellent propriety and effect. Thomas Earle was present to annoy us, as usual. Our meetings were not undisturbed in any manner, excepting one evening, when Douglass and I held a meeting after dark, when a few panes of glass were broken by some rowdy boys while D. was speaking. It was a grand meeting, nevertheless, and the house crowded with a noble auditory to the end. The meetings will have a powerful effect in the prosecution of our cause for the coming year.

It was worth a trip from Boston to Norristown, merely to look at those who assembled on the occasion. I regret that I have as yet found no time to write a sketch of this anniversary for the Liberator. Mr Sidney H. Gay was present, both the Standard and Penn. Freeman must be referred to for an account of it, prior to any that I shall be able to make of it.

This morning, we leave in the cars for Harrisburg, which, though the capital of the State, is very much under the influence of slavery. I do not anticipate a quiet meeting, but we shall bear our testimony boldly, nevertheless.

Nearly a week has elapsed of the ~~two~~ eight allotted for my tour. No one will be more rejoiced when they are completed than I am.

Yours, lovingly,  
Wm Lloyd Garrison.