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Friend Garrison

157 I send you the enclosed communication trusting you will deem the subject matter of sufficient importance to give it an insertion in your paper.

I will not trouble you with a history of the controversy between Miss Gibson & the Gentleman, (?) editor of the Patriot. Suffice it to say that last May Miss G. delivered a lecture on Spiritualism in the Town Hall at Barre. Of the lecture the Patriot editor made some disengenuous criticisms. At a subsequent lecture Miss G. read his critique & commented upon it, placing the "man of ink" in no very enviable position. Of this lecture also, he made mistatements, when the lecturer expressed a wish that she might be heard through the columns of the Patriot; so this the editor consented. She therefore wrote an article, which was unanswerable; this the Patriot man refused to pub-

list, because, as he said, it contained
blasphemy!! You know it was said
of One of olden time, "He blasphemeth."
From that time to the present this
gallant editor has pursued his victim
with a malignity perfectly devilish
"But why should I interfere?"
First, because I wish to see justice
done; & secondly, because, on a former
occasion I had urged Miss G. to
speak in one of our meetings, & now
that she has spoken, it were unmanly
in me to stand by & see her thus
maligned & traduced. — If my letter
is too severe you may amend it, or if you
choose reject it entirely. I have no interest in the
matter whatever, save that justice be done to
an innocent person who has committed no offence
whatever against the rules of propriety & the
well established customs of Anti-Slavery
Conventions

For the ~~two~~ dollars (\$2.00) enclosed
please send me the Liberator. I have been
taking it with a friend, but it were better for
every friend of freedom to have a paper of his own
& lend it to his neighbors. If you have a spare
copy of the No containing Mrs. Higginson's sermon, please
send me one. — True yours — J. M. Allen