

Boston July 27th 1840
Mrs Chapman

Dear Madam

in behalf of a committee
it has become my duty and of
course a pleasure to address you
to make known their request -

which is "that you would please
^{To compose.} 1 an ode to be sung at their celebration
in Belknap &c Church on Saturday
August 1st 1840 . one that might be
sung to the air of "America",
which I believe is the same as
"God save the King", . they are also
anxious to be put in possession
of a verse adapted to a favorite
air. and appropriate to be sung
at the Table - the committee did
not empower me to request you to
compose the last.. but on my own
responsibility . presuming that you
may refer them to some verse

suitable for the occasion, & trust
 It will not be deemed unpardonable
 my making the suggestion

N.B. should you find it
 convenient to comply with this
 request I would inform you that
 the committee intend having it
 printed in the "order of
 Exercises".

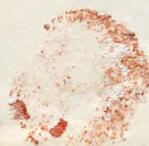
I have the pleasure of
 Subscribing myself.

Most respectfully,

Your obt Servt

for the Committee Wm G. Mell

Mrs M. W. Chapman

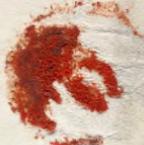




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