



St. Plata May 14 1843

Mrs Maria W Chapman

My Dear Madam

Your Esteemed

Your favor of the 19 Decr 1842. have been received some 3 or four weeks ago. I have deferred answering it for the purpose of getting the Society together. and that its Deliberations might be in ward at the same time. in this I have been ~~disappointed~~ <sup>disappointed</sup> from the Present Excited State of the Country. occasioned by the expected, Glorious change in the Government of this Island. the Particulars of which no doubt, you are well acquainted with by this time, it would be therefore Superfluity to say much about it in this letter. In the mean time permit me to say that we are truly glad to hear from you & that Notice has been taken of our humble efforts to extend the Cause of Freedom. though I regret much that up to this the Liberator & Standard Papers to in your hands have not come to hand. for the reason no doubt you have ascribed yet Messrs Croft Dabney & others was some what grudgeful with their short paragraph in the Paper sent -

Dear Madam

With feeling much regret do I learn the Death of our Affectionate & beloved, Indeed, in the Death of Henry A. Chapman the Cause of Emancipation has lost one of its strongest & unflinching Supporters & the Poor Slaves their truest but warm friends. The Society of

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Men of Sound & Righteous Principles one of them your  
Devotee. and Mrs. Griffin a Dear friend. to trace  
my Personal acquaintance with the decease. was short  
though. I know the Name of Henry S. Chapman <sup>was</sup> associated  
with the Leader of the Present anti Slavery Crusade  
Yes I know he was one of those noble spirits for Truth &  
Humanity. Sustained the heat & burden of the Abolition  
Cause. this with his noble Generosity for the Cause  
Made me familiar with him in my becoming acquaint-  
ance with him & myself. before half this place we appeared  
to play friends. Such was the disposition of his soul  
For all that was good & Best. I was won by him. But  
The Lord who Gave, have taken him away. & what is our  
Part My Dear friend. Shall we not embrace the spirit  
of Rejoicing Job in this dispensation of Divine Provi-  
dence think you have. at the same time I can in some  
Measure the same You have been to pass & your feeling  
Call to endure and in view of this Dear Madam please  
to accept my heart-fely condolence in this low time  
of trouble and perhaps your most afflictive  
Event that you may be call to pass - it shall be  
my prayer that the Lord in whom You trust will be  
Your Supporter. and that with the comfort whose with  
The comfort his people may be abundantly given  
Given to you & you to feel that your loss is made  
up by the display of his goodness & mercy towards  
You -  
Madam Piquion are Residing in this  
Place, I have communicate <sup>to</sup> the substance of your  
Letter. & in Reply I herewith forward me from her - The

Some that you may have to pay her. Can be paid here  
as there are funds to be forwarded to her care for the  
Parent Society. the Government takes their own  
money now at 2/6 per cent for 1 - Spanish. So Madam  
P. will have no objection to this - The O'Neil Family  
only lost 1 Daughter. But suffered in Property, as  
all others - Señor Morillas. Lost most every thing -  
But his Life - the last time I was in St. Domingo I was at  
the place he stop. he then was living in the Country &c -  
I am sorry that I am not able to have some thing to  
communicate respecting the Cause that is so dear  
to our souls, this is owing to the Spanish Bozors - whose  
Abdication. & the Particulars Resulting in a new form  
of Government in this Island no doubt you are already  
acquainted with. As I am ashamed to say it. that soon  
after I forward you the proceeding of the interesting  
Meeting of the Society. & on the afternoon of the meeting of  
the friends of the Cause which at that time was very  
large I might say all St. Domingo & Country I was requested by the Commandant de  
Place that that we should propose the meeting to  
Meet in the day time. those of our friends who knew  
more of this Government than I did. told me that it  
was a complete prohibition to our Society - We then for-  
ward Petitions to President Boyer. for the privilege to  
Meet at night. but in every case he has denied us  
Further particulars will be given. under the New System  
all will go right it is supposed. The army is expected here  
in 4 Days to complete the formation of the New Govt - it will maybe  
next opportunity on the main time I truly Welloum P. Griffin

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Madame Legation  
New arrangements  
1843



Mr. Howard W. Chapman

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Handwritten initials or flourish.

Please to excuse writing for I am in a great dash  
I have to depart for the Cape with despatches  
for the General of the New Government army  
in 2 hours time, all business in my next  
Yours Truly  
John P. Griffin