

To Mr. Garrison.

Glasgow, April 3. 4 P.M. 1841

My Beloved Brother,

I have just arrived from Edinburgh and in 2 hours I am to start off towards Belfast so that I have but 2 hours to scrawl off 3 or 4 letters. I will give you the first sheet.

I saw Smeal for a moment who informs me that Dr. McTear had just arrived from Am. & bro't a letter from you to his father & that he had received two Librators one of which contains an admirable defence against those jesuitical, & sophistical insinuations of A. A. Phelps against yourself. I am glad of it. I have reviewed it, but not knowing all the facts in the case I was unable to give it that weight by positive assertion as though I had been upon the spot. I shall see the Librators soon & then I can determine whether my own article is worth publishing. Enclosed I send two copies of "Right & Wrong." I can assure you it was with great reluctance that I put this pamphlet into the hands of the public, fearing that it might make some wrong inductions from established premises, or in some way create a false impression, or any

impression at least not warranted by established facts. If
there is any thing of this kind brought against the Sec-
ding party, it was ~~not~~ not done intentionally. I hope, I
know you will for the cause's sake rectify at once any
and every error. I have been somewhat uneasy since you
wrote to Pease with respect to the injudiciousness of my
expressions, with respect to the transfer of the Emancipators.
I have said nothing to any one in any place more than I said
to C B Stanton, himself. After stating the facts to
him, I asked him, if it had been an act with an in-
dividual, whether it would not have subjected him
imprisonment in America or transportation in this.
I have made similar queries in other places. I have
said no more here than I have said in Massachusetts
as all who heard me at Kingston, July 4/40, will bear
me witness. The lying spirit of new organization is
as ripe here as in Am. & I would say more ripe,
from the fact that the apostles to its doctrines, have
not as many ad captandums, and two penny
objections to sustain their position & hence false-
hood makes up the deficit. However I presume that
they will be well supplied upon the return of Jos. Sturge.
This man has exhibited any thing but an open & mag-
nanimous spirit. After he had circulated Colver's Scan-
dal I met him at his cousin's Thos Sturge's & upon a
proposition from him for Jos & myself to examine

I think

deliberately is now the great bugbear, simply because
 they have nothing else that will take the mind of the
 weak and bigoted. Socialism is thrown upon us both.
 So far as I am concerned I do not care a fig but
 I grieve that such wicked attempts to fasten such
 obnoxious questions upon you should meet with
 so much success, on account of our cause, for the
 Seceders are resolved to make you a champion of
 truth & reform on both sides of the great waters.

I have read the defence of the com. of the Am. Soc. &
 Soc. Society vs. my attacks &c. It is the most milk and wa-
 ter thing I ever met with. I could not help crying out in
 the language of Virgil "Mirabula dicta." We might say in
 this instance, "only the mountain labored and brought a
 mouse!" It is not worth refuting. There is no one who will
 my statements in "Right & Wrong" pp 38, 39 & 55, but will
 expect that a stronger defence could be made by men
 capable of such proceedings. I really thank them for
 their digest. Why did they not publish the whole cor-
 respondence? Did not the London Com. send it them? I
 think it is but justice to us that you publish the
 remaining part of the correspondence. The opportunity

sentences preceding your article on the Ecclesiastical
Atherton, page 45 will show the business of the London
Com. You must show them up. When I get home I
shall have many things to write.

I recd a letter a few days since from a wealthy
and highly influential person, stating that a letter
had been recd from J F Blair with who Stuart
Domestic, requesting aid to ~~send~~ help him to the U.S. States
& back on his own private affairs & that he might
be able to gain information & be prepared to make an
extensive tour, on his return, through the Kingdoms. He stated
at the same time after making the appeal that this coun-
try ought to be made acquainted with the state of things
in Am. My friend sent Mr Blair in return "Right Wrong"
You will see Capt Stuart figuring as large as life on
page 70 & seq.

The Glasgow Com. are all in a hubbub. Wardlaw & Hugh
have resigned. The other night five more tendered their
resignation, after the Com. had two to one, voted to give
me a most beautiful letter, which was an eloquent
appeal to the abolitionists of Gt Br. showing at
the same time as clear as words could make it, pre-
cisely where they stood. These priests & their tails offered this

resignation not on the main question, but on account
of haste & the com after passing the letter through two to one
votes to let it lay over for another fortnight and give
them an opportunity of packing the meetings & voting
the com out of the com, as there are about 60 mem-
bers and only about 7 or 8 active ones. Since I have been
in this vicinity the com. have had nearly half a dozen meet-
ings & 19 are the most that was ever out, since its establish-
ment. All the A.S. of this place is with us. I am anxious
to get the public expression of Ireland & Scotland for
us or else when I am gone the divided state of feeling
will be lost in indifference. Get them publically com-
mitted & they have a character to sustain. The Unitarians
are sympathetic with us quite strongly.

I am getting up, or am likely to, an "old organization"
journal. By this means our principles can be brought
before the public & the columns of the seceders refuted.
I think I shall succeed in this. But I am not cer-
tain.

Mrs Chapman has sent some scorching letters from
her winter quarters, with respect to Reverend A. Colver.

If you see fit it might be well to take up the address
of the Am & En A.S. Society & make it appear most

temptable, as it really is. These gross acts of injustice
lead the people of this country to discover the anarchy
by which the seceders are governed. There is but a very
little of really genuine A.S. principle in this country.
But they have the idea that public men must be
honest & hence such manoeuvring as this on the
part of the old Com. conflicts with their educated sense
of justice. I have introduced these circumstances for
no other reasons.

Will you give the enclosed letters to the post office.
I am anxious that Gibbons should have a peep at "Right
Wrong" & also our beloved but shy high Rogers. I have noted
one or two sentences of his pp. 64 & 65. Perhaps he may
think that I have done wrong in not saying yes to it with
out note or comment, but it had done much mis-
chief & will do much more. It is all true in itself & when ex-
plained the people are satisfied. I had not sufficient of
your writings by me to do your religious character justice.

Remember me my brother to all my friends. How I long
to be with you. I want to fight the beast at Ephesus.
I have given him a few licks in this country but he does
not feel the blows only when such hands as yours deal the blows.
To thy wife & children affectionately remember me. The Lord bless & preserve you
All the love of this city unite in the love did they know
that I was writing. Great fun an entertained that the President is lost

J. A. Collins

the perplexing question, he instantly, with a countenance expressing any thing but kindness, his frame in a tremor, lips pale and quivering, instantly made signs as if about to shove him self from the table remarked, "If I have to enter into the subject I must be permitted to leave, yet he had the evening before been no doubt with the Committee of B.D.S. concerning that indignified and abusive letter of the Com of Jay 15. It was 17 Jay I met him. His correspondence with the Sects of the Glasgow A.S. Society will reveal any thing but a generous and catholic spirit. It will soon be published. You will no doubt see him. I trust, that while you treat him with great kindness, you will also be very faithful with him. Report says here that he is going to endeavor to bring about a reconciliation & rally. G. Smith's letter to Goodell appeared as though there had been some ploughing among the parties to that effect. I am inclined to believe however that, inasmuch as his doting & B.D.S. is greatly involved by a wicked foolish & premature committal to the disorganizing party he is despatched at once, as a man of great influence, to hunt up arguments to justify their course.

Let nothing be done on our part to give them an
undue and unnecessary advantage over us. Public
feeling I am happy to say is growing in our
favor. Colver's ~~attacks~~ & Gorryisms are doing a
vast deal of good. Phelps has done much inju-
ry to my mind. It has kicked off a number from
this cause, I hope that your words will bring them
back. It all but carried off Mac Tier.

You may think it very strange that I remain
in this country so long. If consulted any other
ways, I would have been with you 4 months since
but I believe our cause would have greatly
suffered from my disappearance. Our friends on
almost every hand say I must not go just yet.
So I have concluded to stop another fort-
night.

You will perceive that "Right & Wrong" is greatly
enlarged & many very important alterations
have been made. It is still imperfect. We are
now striking off the 2^d thousand from stereotype
plates. They will now come very cheap. Your infi-