

Leicester, Aug. 9, 1857.

My dear Cousin & friend,

Do not you suppose that Mr. Pierpont would be willing that his correspondence with you should be seen by some of his old friends in Boston - say Mr. Francis Jackson, Mr. Edmund Jackson, my father & mother, &c. &c.?

I should like, also, to have Mr. Garrison see it. - I presume you would not object to the correspondence being seen by any or all of the above. And why should Mr. Pierpont? He maintains that he is in the right, has done a right act, a good & useful one to the slaveholders & their children, and why should he not desire and choose that his reasons, and grounds of action, should be set before all concerned? - I am indeed

particularly as he thinks he has made out such a triumphant case for himself, in the correspondence!

decidedly of the opinion that he would like to have the correspondence seen.

Will you not, then, ask him his feeling & write on the point? And, if it is favorable to the circulation of the correspondence, (within just such limits as he & you may prescribe,) will you not send it to me, as soon as convenient.

I have had no reply from you to my inquiry, respecting the showing of the brief notes which I took of the correspondence to such persons as feel an interest in the subject, or the writers.

My wife, her sister (Mrs. Thurston Davis), and I had a very pleasant journey, - temporarily affected only by a slight illness which Mr. Davis had at Niagara falls, & on the St. Lawrence - We had a charming visit at Cousin John

Frothingham's at Montreal, finding I
leaving them well. We got home
about a fortnight since, my wife very
much the better for the journey. —

We shall eagerly look for further
tidings about Joseph. He seemed to
be going so well, when we were at
your house, that we cannot but
earnestly hope & trust that he will
meet with nothing to obstruct his steady
advance to sound health again. He
has doubtless returned to Glen Haven,
We are desiring also to hear what
Charlotte's future home is to be, and
whether she is not soon coming this way.

Please give our love to all your
family, with our best thanks to Cousin
Lucretia, to Miss Coffin, to Charlotte,
and all, for doing so much to make
our brief stay in Syracuse pleasant to us.

(over) Very affectionately Yrs. Saml. May Jr

P. S. I believe we just missed
you at Walpole. We passed Thursday
evening there - the same evening ^{on} which
you were expected; ~~Monday~~ and we
suppose that you ~~was~~ ^{did reach} there, in course
of the day (Friday, 24th) on which we
left. I won't say "just our luck"
- though it was our hard fate thus to
lose two sights of you in an one
short journey. - We are all as
well as usual.

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David May Jr