

Charleston, Aug. 2. 1845.

My dear Debora,

I must write you a few hasty lines, to tell you how delighted I was to get your letter, on Monday evening, and how happy we shall all be to see you again. I thank you a thousand times for your letter - it was very interesting - the account of the party, pie-mei + every thing else - Now it will only be a week, before we see you, but I can hardly wait until then - Grace will be very happy, I know, to send Maggie over with you, since she brought you safely, the last time - Can't you stay all night, when you come? I hope Caroline will come too. Remember we shall be very glad always to see any of your family - Lissy, of course, included with the rest - Yesterday was your glorious first of August, and I suppose you were enjoying it at Fall River, and you will tell me all about it, when you come - Hannah was accused, the other day, of being a thorough going abolitionist, and if she is, I am, for she is not a bit more strong in the cause, than I, and neither of us can boast of works -

Before I forget it, I will tell you what this, & this, & this, &c was - I did not say it in presence of Mr Greene, but after he

left. What occasioned the remark was Mr Beane's saying, "if you had only been more frank & open in the first place, Miss Osgood, I think it would have saved all this trouble." I replied - "Mr Beane, if you had only been more frank & open in the first place, if you had said to me, Miss Osgood, I can no longer afford to pay you your salary with the present number of scholars, & I want more teachers, and I think I can obtain those of equal or superior qualifications for far less money, & though I should be sorry to have you leave, yet if I think if you go, I could better carry out my plans for the good of the school, if you had only said this, Mr Beane I should not have had a moment's hesitation, I should have gone right off." His answer was, "what have I ever said different from that?" "Oh," said I, "I did not understand you so - it took me a long while to understand you - if I had only understood you, I should have left immediately." I thought at the time, it was possible Mr Beane might be absent in mind, for I did not suppose he would admit what he did say -

Oh Debora, he was wrong, I do think - but I am truly sorry for them - How little did I imagine, when we were such

friends with the Beans that there would
ever be such a termination to the friend-
ship - Every time I hear of them in any sort
of trouble, it seems as if, by a natural instinct,
we should go to console them - I presume they
have friends in New Bedford, but why would they
lose the best they had? Some one sent me a
New Bedford Mercury yesterday, & I saw that Mr
B's house was advertised for sale - it was a sad
paragraph to me - Is Mr B. going to leave? I had
a very pleasant letter from Sue Rodman on
Tuesday, or Wednesday - She said she thought Mr
B. would stay, at least one term more - Well -
I hope they will be happier wherever they may
be, than they have been in New Bedford -
Sometimes, but I say it not in Gath, I think I
should have preferred staying and taking my
chance of being any body or nobody, to leaving, if
I could have foreseen the results - If I had only
been more sauvy, in the first place, perhaps, it
would have saved the trouble - but I will
leave all the ifs, and only add how much
I rejoice in the hope of seeing you - Love to
the Emersons and all other kind friends -

Your conversation upon "sick" must have
been highly entertaining - Oh it does, in
spite of myself, make me sad to think of
the course of events with the Beans for the
last year - However wrong they have been, they
have suffered too much - Caroline will be par-
ticularly pleased with this strain, & I have

no more time for it or any other strain, but
must run to Boston with my letters. I have
just written to Louisa, & have asked her to visit
me in her vacation, but I fear she will
not come - With much love to Caroline
Lizzy & yourself.

ever most affectionately yours
Abby

My sisters send love to you & Caroline and they
wish very much to see you - For all
further information, come & see me
dearest - I shall overwhelm you with
inquiries -