

73 Boylston St. Sept 15. 1839

Friday afternoon.

I meant to have written a letter
but Friday has come, & I find I have not written
you a word since the package I sent you a week ago
by Abby. That is, I suppose you heard by her for on Friday
afternoon I carried a bundle to her brother's store. He is one
of the sweetest of the human race, but seemed to be obliging
I took tea that evening at Maria's & read the 4th part of
Loi Khant's Scott which is by far the most interesting of
any that has yet appeared. Saturday, Mrs Owen passed
most of the day here. She was hunting for help. Brother
Pack also staid here. He reported his wife as being vastly
smart, doing her own washing, & shirts at a time. I have
heard in some circumstances why or other, that she is going
to open a school for small children. Saturday evening I
went to Cambridge in the York Rowley, to Miss Warren
along with me to pass Sunday. I found Mrs Boston there &
Elizabeth, but she had come only for a week or two. I went
to Mr Newell's church all day & heard a stupid Mr Thayer
of some where - Warren went only in the forenoon, preferring
to stay at home in the afternoon & read that volume of
plays. He seemed to have a good time as they did all
they could for him, & he much approved their style of living.
We walked in in the evening and strange as it may
seem I was not at all tired. Monday, Mr went to Wey-
mouth & Mary Parker called. Mary is pious & unassuming.
Tuesday I called at the office & at Maria's with Maria. Sylvia
Owen dined with us again and at night Caroline went out
of town with her. Wednesday, Sylvia & Caroline came in town
and at 12 we all went to see Eliza Amundson married.
The affair took place at Mr Young's; he married them very
well. She was looking very prettily, was in her travelling
dress, a sort of fawn coloured silk pelisse, a Florentine bonnet
trimmed with white, blonde veil &c. Liscom is a good looking
young man and behaved very well indeed. They came in alone
all the family having arrived before and taken their places
with the rest of the company, of whom quite a number was
present. They went straight from the door to the cars for New

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port from whence they return to norms. We have received
a card intimating that they see their friends the last week
in Sept. After I came from the church I went petitioning
& got 4 or 5 names. Elizabeth Sampson came over from Stan
bridge & she & Sylvia both dined with us. Help is the difficulty
with them now. I spent the afternoon at Maria's where
I wrote to Juliana Soppan & Gerrit Smith; also packed up Prof
Green's letter, as Henry was going to N. Y. the next day.
Gerrit spent the evening at Maria's and we had much
important talk of which I more anon. Thursday forenoon
I wore myself all out petitioning. Henry went to N. Y.
Sylvia was in town but only called Mary Parker called &
I called on the Ammisons, & on Fanny Percival who had returned
the day before from Hamilton. I met Bro Home at the door
and saw him for a minute. He is not to my fancy I must confess
Sylvia was looking poorly, but she was here to day making
her farewell call & seemed better. She goes to Cambridgeport
tomorrow & Sylvia Cuze follows in a fortnight with little Philip.
Fanny reported that she left Sarah Ann & her mother very
well, but there was no prospect of S's being able to come
to town this fall. Mrs Bailey is not quite as well as she
was. I fear his affairs are in a very poor way; he talks
giving up his school & when ever I see him, has a distrust
wandering sort of manner that surprises me. This morning
I went out with Sylvia who was in again & alas! has
no help yet. I heard from Aunt Mary to day. They are
all well at Weymouth & contriving if possible (that is
the Society) to pass resolutions against the appeal. Wendell
Phillips is coming to N. Bedford next week. He & Ann were
published yesterday. And now touching the aspects of the
cause; & remember that what I write is the most private
that can be. Breathe not its name. Briefly then Garrison
has received a letter from Eliza Wright from which it
would seem that "the very elect" have almost denied, or
are at least, in danger of denying the faith. They (I mean
the Executive Committee) are all blowing the wind. Maria has
written to Wright & to Wels, giving it to them about right
and to Goodell, signifying her approbation, for he alone
has borne himself valiantly, as I dare say you will see

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in the next Liberator. The National seems to consider the appeal as a quarrel between brethren, as if Fitch was about as right as the others &c. Mass itself seems to stand pretty strong, & we hope to win through this, but it is considered a doubtful hour. Mary Parker waxes valiant in fight & it is to be hoped that the Female Society will stand to their colours. I was in hopes to have heard from you to day, but believe I shall send this off tomorrow without waiting for further news. It is, on the whole, rather a dull time there. Caroline will I think, go to Weymouth tomorrow with Warren. His business allows him to be at home almost every evening I believe, on the whole, I will not close this to night, but wait till tomorrow forenoon as then I may have something more to say. — The Boston Co petition came yesterday containing 3000 names.

Sunday evening. Dear D. I designed to have sent this yesterday by mail, but luckily I did not, & now as I shall send it by Wendell you will be paid 10 cts. Henry returned from N. Y. Saturday, bringing Maria letters from Weld & Eliza Wright. Whist's letter was in much the best spirit. I think Weld was a little piqued. He has had so much sarcasm offered him that I mistrust he does not like to be found fault with. He charitably hopes that the Lord will strike Maria, & says her notions of civil government are the crookedest & cruelest he ever heard of, he however is quite affectionate to her & sends his love to her dear sister, by whom I suppose he means me, tho' Caroline says it is she. Pray keep all this, to yourself, say nothing in the shape of committal to Wendell, tho' he holds fast his integrity. Caroline and Warren are gone to Weymouth in a chaise & will probably bring back Emma. Maria bids me tell you to make, some of the brethren if possible go to Worcester. Send Andrew Roberson if you see him. Probably you, as yet, have had no Liberator of your own; I have not as yet sent to the office to charge them to send to you, but I will tomorrow certainly. I suppose you have been able to get them of Mr Emerson. Write at length by Wendell he was very obliging & offered to take any

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thing, bundle or what not. But I have nothing but
this to send. No red bag or blk apron has come but I
Ma thinks you must have lost them somewhere away
from home. I will get your calico gown from Weymouth
I have it in readiness. Henry is going to Worcester & I
dare say Caroline. Maria tho' hope of getting, but her courage
boils as the hour draws nigh. The baby is a dumper

Miss Debora Weston.

Care of John F. Emerson Esq.

New Bedford.

Mass.

Wendell Phillips Esq.

Postscript. She is going to keep school in
Springfield. - you see some names.

Only think 2 robes are gone; but 9 remain. I went to Dr
Channings this morning & heard Mr Peabody. He is really
a very beautiful preacher. I went there in the afternoon
also, hoping to hear him again, but wo'd me, Mr Ripley
was there in his stead & as stupid & counting as could be.
Give my love to all who ask for me; tell Mrs Emerson
that I did not see her name on the petition, tho' I found
several ones that I knew. Once more write at length by
Mr P. Charlotte Norris is coming back to school. No other are
ones. He thinks that any symptoms of defection at h. y. are put
a stop to. The Greenicks have lectured at Cicester in Mrs Wood
berrys meet ing house, but how they got in I cannot say.

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When I was at Cambridge last Sunday I saw Mary Ann at Channing's

Boston Sept. 11. 1837.

Mr. H. G. Chapman Treas. Mass. A. S. Society.

Sir Please pay Amos Lyon — or
order fifty dollars when in funds, and
oblige your obt. servt.

James Knapp

Accepted
Henry Chapman

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H. G. Chapman. Pr
Nov. 27.

Amos Lyon

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