

Elizabeth Bates I saw by the paper is more. I guess we got the news here before the Boston did - A vessel was hailed who gave me boat - I saw any news in any paper - I don't know any thing about any thing -

New Bedford April 1st 1859.

Dear Anne,

I almost wonder that I take this afternoon to write to you, considering that I have Oliver Twist lying by me unread, but as I want to get this letter off in the morning's mail, I must write now or wait another day. I will write every night in future for if I do not there is frequently an opportunity to send and I have no letter ready, besides forgetting much that I wish to say. To go back then to Monday when I wrote last. All day I was ready to die I longed so to be in Boston, but managed somehow to live and let live. ^{Tuesday} Wednesday I called upon the Sealby, but they were not at home Wednesday. I did not hear a word from Boston, for I thought of course the meeting would hold two days. Mr Hawes the young Andoverian passed the evening here. He is Mr Emerson's assistant in the High School & will be here about 6 weeks longer. He is a dreadful feeler, but a very honest one. I supply him with the Liberator & am labouring very hard with him. The only difficulty is that he takes to me rather too warmly, indeed I hear that nobody ever knew any thing about his abolition till now. He swears by Prof Smythe of course, & I want to tell him the story of Phelps letter to Smythe. I don't remember

as there was any thing present, but my organ
of consciousness is so large that I like to be sure
before telling my story, especially as he & I are the
friends. The father of Jacob & John Abbott who lives
in chains, Mr H says is an abolitionist. Thursday
morning I walked up to the Congregational and heard
the result of the meeting, are there really no feelers
interested enough in the matter to come to the
meeting, or why was not the opposing vote any larger?
My heart was rejoiced to hear that Oliver was coming
to lecture, not that I cared so much about the lecture
but I longed to see him. In the morning I heard Mr
Peabody, who prayed for the slaves & preached a very
good anti-slavery sermon excepting that it wanted
point. In the afternoon my heart was gladdened by
the sight of Oliver. I did not much expect a letter by
him, knowing how hurried you would be after the
meeting. Oliver spoke extempore a short ^{in the afternoon} time, & gave
great satisfaction. Elizabeth Doubleday said & she is a
woman of sense and judgment, "This I suppose you
call real abolition, and it sounds the right thing to
me, but we have never heard any like it before."
It would be strange if they had for nobody of any
consequence has lectured here but Orange Scott
& Stanton, neither of whom were very much liked. I
think if Garrison should come down here the town
would be convulsed. Send him along if you can. Took
tea at John Bailey's with Oliver & heard as much about
the meeting as he could tell me — George Allen's speech

and all. What did Charis say to him at the close of
the meeting, for Oliver said he left them in conversation
together. The texture in the evening ^{lecture} was very good, but
I did not like it so well because it was written. Others
though liked it very much & it was good. Oliver walked
home with me, & when we parted at the gate I
had an awful spasm of homesickness. I love Oliver.
Friday I got your letter at night & was much oblig'd.
The Grimké letters I thought will be beyond description
dear I shew them to Susan Taber? If I airted myself
I should, you must get both vols of that book for I
suppose you could not get one by itself - The odd vol
give to Susy - Give my love to the darling baby, oh
how I long to see her, I don't suppose she will know
me when I come home. I have some hope that the
Howlands will go to Philadelphia in May which will
make my vacation still longer - I was rejoiced to
hear that Susan is to be arrange set up in business -
What is to become of Emma? Saturday at night
I got Charis's letter & will set about rocking the
cradle immediately - By the way I wish you
would get the mass ~~to~~ containing the attack upon
Mr. Holmes & send it to me by mail - Mr. Phelps
knowing I suppose how Mr. Roberts's congregation hate
Mr. Holmes sent Capt. Brandall one & though he is a
bitter opposer, he is so pleased with it he won't
part it out of his possession. Do send it immediately
for every body here is dying to see it, Mr. Emerson
in particular. Write as soon as you get this, for I

know enough is happening every moment - should
 and keep a journal. - I am on the lookout - to
 try to find an offering here for you - I thought
 I had got one the other day - but nothing came
 of it - And Mr. Probeson was at the meeting in
 Boston, I thought Mr. B. might pledge \$500, but
 when he saw the conduct of the N. Yorkers he

had a letter from the wife & will come - the 14th or 15th week in
 May. She says she is no return me
 about the unfinished business - I must be to line
 no for money -

chap -

Boston

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told the others not to pledge themselves, as thinking
~~thinking~~ he would give a cent towards redeeming
 it - for he would not give to N. Y. I wish
 you would write as soon as you get this for
 I so hinge - I thirst all the time to hear
 I am ready to die - should love to be
 there - I can keep myself from being
 no longer ever yours D. W.

Ms. A. 9. 2. 11. 74