

East Hampton 5 Mo. 29 '39

My dear friend -

Thou may, perhaps, have wondered what has become of me, that I did not call at the appointed time, to give thee a little account of my visit at Fort Lee, as I engaged to do when we parted in N.Y.

Afterwards I changed my determination of going to Lynn and came to this place, where I have a sister, and to which I have, for some time, felt strongly drawn, to see whether I could do any thing here for the cause of the perishing - I have been here a little more than a week, and, as yet, the prospect looks quite discouraging.

It is in a thinly settled section of the state, and, although there are some abolitionists, they are of that class who are "neither hot nor cold" - I have no acquaintance with the ^{active} Connecticut abolitionists as Geo. Benson is the only one whose face I know - However, I think it will be well for me to wait awhile, and if way opens, enter into it, however narrow that way may be - I gave a lecture in this place last week, on prejudice, which was well received, apparently, notwithstanding its ultraism, which I hoped would raise some feeling.

From the tone of the Coarctate Oak I presume I shall receive no countenance from the State Society, as it appears to be highly "evangelical" - but I have a strong faith that something can be done, and so I wait the bid-dings and leadings of my Heavenly Father, praying that I may not mistake my own will and fancy for the voice of his evering Spirit in the soul.

My visit at Fort Lee was very pleasant - I went there with a determination to rebuke them severely for absenting themselves from the N.Y. meetings, but found

idea of that they have been a question of that day in exact form the

to my own mortification that I had passed judgement
before examining the witnesses— Angelina is truly very
feble— Their opinion is, that her labors in lecturing were
altogether too great for a Constitution naturally very slender
and that she will never recover from the shock— She
last winter she applied herself too closely in assisting to
get up "Slavery as it is" which has entirely frustrated
her physical as well as mental energies— ~~How many changes~~
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How many changes have come over "the Spirit of her dream"— Look at
her history— Sarah did not think it proper for
her to leave it under such circumstances, as they expected
much company and as it exerted herself far too much
in order to keep up appearances when in company.

But alas for their sentiments on Non-Resistance—
I and A. say they have not examined, and think
they ought not to examine it, so long as so much is
to be done for the Slave, and, although they appeared
to be a design not to commit themselves on the point,
they have evidently adopted the doctrine that any other
unpopular cause, if espoused by abolitionists, will
retard the progress of that cause, and therefore must
be 'tabooed'— As for Theodore he is unsparingly severe
upon us— Says all that Garrison, M. M. Chapman and
all others who have adopted the will o' the wisp
of non-resistance, can possibly do for the emancipation
of the Slave, will be undermined and counteracted by their
idle notions on this subject— But not idle, pernicious is
even too soft a name— He thinks however that there
is to be no permanent harm apprehended, as they have
been caught up by us without sufficient thought— He and
that we shall soon abandon them—

fact of our having embraced them is full evidence that we have not considered them with any depth of thought. But he respects our sincerity and is all toleration - Says we should be untrue to our own souls did we not proceed in their dissemination - I need it seem to me that he looks upon the whole matter with deep contempt mingled with pity - If with all his love and forbearance he could entertain such feelings, I did not marvel at the course which has been pursued by the Ex. Com. They must be extremely posited to be connected with those upon whom they look with as little respect as they would on the Thonians - Yet as inconsistent as it may appear, I should acknowledge that he has not examined the non-resistance doctrine with much attention, but lays aside all the publications of the Society till time shall be afforded him from labor for the slave to consider them - In a prayer the morning I left them, he implored that his heart might be open to receive the truth, and that, however decided he might be that he was now in the right way, he desired to be kept in an unprejudiced frame of spirit - Now notwithstanding the many things which to me appeared very glaring inconsistencies I have much respect for their motives - There is a spirit of love pervading all their daily work and conversation - a broad mantle of charity which to me is pretty good evidence that they are seeking to walk in the right way - They condemn without stint the spirit which has shown itself in the conduct of Phelps and Co. But said very little about the other side - I should have given Phelps a stern rebuke while in N. Y. - I say the "one idea" principle is a good one and he feels it his duty to adhere to it - So I merely replied "Ephraim is joined to his idol let him alone" - For of what use will

it be to undertake to reason with you. They made no
 reply — I think I never passed a week more profit-
 -ably. It was a school which called into exercise almost
 every ^{little} principle and feeling of the heart — They enquired
 with much interest after their N.E. friends and were dis-
 -appointed that so few called on them — But it was so it
 they thought it might be for the best —

I am in a double bond and I hope
 and trust for the good sympathy
 of non-resistance abolitionists — will
 my friends sometimes think of me and
 show a reward? My love to see
 yours
 M. W.

East Cambridge
 May 28th 1839
 Dear Sir

Anna Warren Weston
 Boston

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May 29 1839
 A. W. Weston

Ms. A. 9. 2. 11. 112

I am with you in spirit: while I am now writing you
 am, I presume on your way to the meeting ^{at} the N.E.
 Convention — I thought I did not care at all about
 being in B. at this time; only that I desired to attend the
 Non-Resistance Meeting; but when the time comes I love
 to be with you — O may the Convention be of the old-
 -fashioned stamp in which was good cheer for the fainting
 soul of every Abolitionist — I pray that the Spirit of Philip
 of late so rampant in our assemblies may be cast into outer
 darkness

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