

Sent this back tomorrow N.M.C.

Leicester June 28 - 1843

My dear Friend -

I am requested by Mrs. Paulina S. Wright of Utica, to beg of you that if it is not already too late ~~that~~ you will obtain for their fair in Syracuse, some \$12,00 worth of French work, or if you should have to be at the trouble of sending particularly for it, that you will not obtain it for that fair, but for the one to be held in Utica or Christmas week when she presumes it would come in the same package with yours. She would also like any hints or suggestions relative to fairs, as the N.Y. people are not so conversant with them as you, Bostonians - I would propose that you address her in relation to these matters, as she wishes to hear soon and my course is so erratic - as I have in a few days for Western N.Y. - I may not be able to obtain an answer for a long time. Mrs. W. is a woman who carries as heavy a "staff of accomplishment" as any woman in Central N.Y. - is particularly fitted to get up fairs, but needs more experience - Your good judgement will readily suggest what she needs at your hands - She asked me to obtain, if I could, patterns, medals &c &c. but I have had no opportunity to do so -

I must candidly confess my dissatisfaction of the movement at the N.Y. Convention touching agend.

Does it not in effect annul the American Society? —
Does it not look like arrogance on the part of
Boston — for half an eye will see it to be purely
a "Boston nation" altho J. A. Collins might be its
sole father. Was it not possible for the Boston
Quorum to act in behalf of the National Society and
so keep a fair aspect before the people for the
National as well as the Mass. Society. — New organ-
ization will now say "See they are coming out" under true
flag," "we have always told you the American Society
was nothing but Garrison and his clique". But a
part from appearances will it not tend to make
the other State Societies feel still less responsibility
than they now do. Again, altho a flourish of trump-
ets is necessary at times and perhaps frequently, yet
it does not answer for all the time — Steady, firm
persevering industry, concentrated on small sections must
be had — I venture the assertion that my last five
months in central N. G. accomplished ten times the
amount of anti-slavery fruit that the preceding five
in scattering, Conventions labor did. Yet I will not
say that others make so great a loss in Conven-
tions as myself, but my opinion is that ^{very} frequent
Conventions are less productive, in whatsoever
hands they may be. And that the expense is far
fold besides the immensely greater wear and tear
to the Constitution. But I will bring no more objec-
tions to the plan though they cluster thick around me

'tis done, and so we must make the best of it.

Since I have been on Burlington I have not heard or said to hear any thing that was going on in the camp - I hope, however, a Standard bearer of the right Stamp will be forthcoming as I want to be obtaining subscribers.

^{Confidential}
One word in relation to J. A. Collins - He needs some one as a balance wheel - Had it not been for J. C. Hathaway's firmness and balast we should have seen the series of N. Y. Conventions last year blown to ten thousand atoms. I would not go through with another such series of vexations and trials for the wealth of the Indies - it would tear my soul from its tabernacle. Collins reminds me strongly of the "perpetual motion" of a good Mass. Man, who when it got well under way went so fast it tore itself into atoms so small as to be invisible. Now cannot J. C. H.'s services be obtained? I know of no other person who can keep Collins to his original purposes, though perhaps there may be some one - I most heartily wish Edmund Quincy could go to a few of these Conventions. I wench his pockets would have to be lined with protests against, not one, but dozens of extravagancies. I have heard most bitter complaints, since returning to N. E., against C. on this score. It may be a little cautioning from the Board would be sufficient. I am more and more convinced

of the impolicy and wrong of ~~discussing~~ running a
bill against any thing on the anti slavery platform upon
"Chattelism" - I have no objection, as you know to
the utmost freedom for all discussion, but "a time
for every thing and every thing in its time, a place for
every thing and every thing in its place".

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Dear July 12

Western Avenue.

Abby Kelly

If your numerous duties will permit you a line
to me before I leave, my address will be Millbury
till Sunday next -
Most truly
Abby Kelly