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My dear friend -

On returning from a little tour in this County to pause up the sleeping abolition, I find a letter from you informing of your husband's returning illness and speaking doubtfully of your ability to be with us on the 17 and 18 - I am truly sorrowful to hear of Henry's relapse, but trust it will prove to be but slight - Your presence here is ardently desired - If you could stay but one day, so as to be at the collation, just to show your face there it would do much for the cause. If Henry cannot possibly come, yet we shall expect you, except he should be so ill as to render your absence improper - -

Our Fair, Collation to welcome friends from abroad, and the hope of seeing you, published abroad, has had the desired effect - All are on tip toe - Even Bro. Slavery Cooks less grim, at thought of the happy fair and social board -

We want to make Millbury an anti Slavery strong hold, such fortresses you know are desirable here and there - Now we want you to come up from Boston and take it by storm - Your sisters and Mary Chapman the Lanthornicks and all the Speakers far and near - E. Quincy and E. S. Loring - Will you see to it? - I trust Am. S. Phillips will not fail to come - We will give her a comfortable home - and she will not attend any meeting - Even some of our Bro. Slavery houses are open to welcome company - So you see the opportunity when the tide is so full

The county so far as I have been is thoroughly aroused
and is expecting a public meeting -- Come then and
bring what force you can -- I have much to say
but did you know how much is on my shoulders
you would wonder I have stopped to say so much more
Yours truly

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P.S. I enclosed the letter to dear Henrietta to save
Postage - A.K.