

Worcester Dec. 17-47

My dear friend —

Yours dated Nov. 26th did not reach me till four days since, and altho' it requested an early answer, I could not answer it even then, as Stephen was not at home, and I could not say whether his arrangements were such that he could be at the Hall on Thursday evening — He is now at home, and says he may be relied on for that evening — I mean Thursday Dec. 30th — But I ought to say I shall not be able to attend — Our babe is teething, and hence, I do not deem it judicious to take her from home — She is very healthy and grows finely, and I don't want any thing to throw her back, as, if she continues as well, my intention is to wean her at nine months and be ready to accompany my husband in his labors as early as March. I should not wean her so early, but am told by Physicians that is the best time — — — But my regrets at not being able to attend the Fair are on my own account, rather than on account of the cause — I can be of very little service in such places — they are not my sphere — I long to be in New York, breaking up the bridges between the true and the false — I very much fear that T.D.'s paper will confirm the half and half state of things in New York — I learn that Hathaway is to be his partner in the affair — You knew his tendencies — Now if some heavy blow is

not stuck there soon, I apprehend that New York
will become a kind of Rhode Island to the American
Society — But should the battle be pitched there, and
done judiciously, Douglas and Hathaway will fight it
out — I wish I could see you a few minutes on
this matter — As the Quakers say "I have a very
deep concern" for the affairs of that Section —

Can nothing be done? — Stephen does not feel
as I do about this case — I wish to die —

I am much haste

Yours affectionately

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