

Dear friend
I am glad you think so of our
ing it for our guide - E. Smith is
Dear friend he is interesting the
"Dear friend" please say through
the Liberator that my O.C. address
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My dear friend will excuse my long delay in answering this
on the score of press of duties - You can hardly conceive how
much time I am compelled to consume in repelling the base calum-
nies of the Emancipator, Puff &c. - We have had a series
of A.S. Meetings here, (and when the whole town was stoned to the
foundations it was flooded with these vile papers - Sent to
free-slavery people - They know not where the lie is - Can
think I ought to write the puff for ^{Western} N. G. - It is not
Western more than Central - None of our friends are there
than here, at least more of the recent converts, who know
not what to make of the accusations. - I think it would
be well surely to call on the Emancipator, Puff and others
of the same class, to presence their accusations that ever call A.S.
meetings for the purpose of promoting other objects - By the
way J. C. Jackson does not write with his own pen all the
editorials of the Puff - The publisher does this when he is at
home - 'Tis all one - I had thought to write an article for
the next Puff showing them up in their basest character,
but have decided to attend the National Nominating
Convention in Buffalo before taking any steps - Then I
shall meet Gerrit Smith and those of his stamp who extend
to me - Altho' they consider me a true representation of the
American Society - the warmest approval - Smith says in
his last letter that he thinks no person can do so much
to advance the A.S. cause in Madison Co. as myself -
Well, at this Convention I shall meet him - I presume he will

be there — And many other "Liberty" men and women who may
I might better say have been for in this affair I know not what a day may bring
my very warm friends and in conjunction with these the most
deadly enemies of the Society — What I shall do after
I arrive there I know not — A good woman of this place
— she weak in the faith — will be my company — she
goes merely for company and will be no burthen — G. S.
Foster will be there — He will not be idle — I have
conversed with him and find him as clear as a bell.
He goes with an intention of troubling them and making dis-
vision or compelling retraction — His point is to be there
— You may have heard of his full endorsement of G. in the
new organized meeting in Hartford — "He is always in the
right" I think was the exact language — If nothing is done
but to carry confusion among them, the labor will not
be lost — I have many warm friends in Buffalo —
even among the Liberty Party men — After this conven-
tion shall have passed I shall decide what course to pur-
sue towards the vile "Liberty" papers — They are a devoted
and sincere — Had you not better call upon them
to make good their charges or retract them — If our own
pious people will think we combat to the "universal
quindstone" allegation — They ought constantly to be kept
before the people with their quindstone and apes of the
"woman's wrongs" and the "divinity of government" — I have
no farther patience with them they are so impudently wicked
— — — I sent ^{your letter to} Bradburn several days before
you last weeked me — I have been away from
Seneca Falls — I hope he will bear it — I know Bradburn
was good — He is impulsive — and as you say easily befuddled

There are many such and we must bear with them. — They
are rather to be pitied than blamed — — Collins did
not make use of the A.S. platform to discuss Association
It was in the Property Convention that the trouble commenced
Peman and Douglas wanted to gratify the abolitionists and
have an anti-slavery meeting in the afternoon — One of
them merely enquired whether the property ^{of} ~~convention~~ ^{was local} ~~meeting~~ could
not be set aside for anti-slavery — Collins became angry
and they became angry — Both said what they would not
in cold blood — I think R. and D. should not "have
their prey stopped" altho' I cannot think they did all-
together right — Yet they had them, and had before, had
great provocation — Collins was not fit for the
work to which he was appointed — His previous in-
civility alone, was sufficient to disqualify him — I pre-
sume the Conventions got on better without than with him —
In relation to the "patroness" in N.Y. I don't know enough
about it to tell "exactly" what it is — I would not know
what it was because Secney was enquired and I will not
be laid under any restrictions of this kind — Of one thing
I am assured — If the good of the cause demands a revelation
it will be made, and also, ^{that} the Philadelphians have no great
confidence in Father Hooper and perhaps some others — I am
glad I don't know the whole affair — I have rec-
ed a letter from Gibbons which coolly justifies himself in
keeping the Executive Chair because it was not the re-
sult but the Committee of 25 that appointed the Bos-
ton quorum with the understanding, and because the Bos-
ton quorum is readily yielded to their /his/ Chair —

far as appears, the American Society will go down unless you take the reins — (will you not do it?) I would rather lose a right hand than see that Society die — But I will not exhaust my energies any longer in galvanizing a dead carcass — Every body else says the same so far as I hear talk on that score — My policy is to keep still, and keep still while looking for better management every day — i.e. for you to resume the reins — Do so, and I will do my best to clear off that old debt and get every body to help —

G. J. May is to lecture here to night on abolition — The place is now lashed into perfect fury — I got up a storm and I will increase it to a tempest — May was coming to preach on Unitarianism and we have induced his friends to substitute abolitionism — Pierpont is to be here next Friday and I think he will also speak on the same subject ^(Wednesday N.E.) we want to make this place a strong hold for the cause — May and Pierpont will prepare the way for a fair we are to have here in October — Out on the water — (Gans - Abby)

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