

Boston, March 8, 1838. *rt*

My dear Friend:

Although distracted with cares, I must seize my pen to express my admiration of your generous and prompt defence of Miss Grandall from her pitiful assailants. In view of their outrageous conduct, my indignation kindles intensely. What will be the result? If possible, Miss C. must be sustained at all hazards. If we suffer the school to be put down in Canterbury, other places will partake of the panic, and also prevent its introduction in their vicinity. We may as well, "first as last," meet this proscription spirit, and conquer it. We - i. e. all true friends of the cause - must make this a common concern. The Mass. Heaven excitement has furnished a bad precedent - a second must not be given, or I know not what we can do, to raise up the colored population in a manner which their intellectual and moral necessities demand. In Boston, we are all excited at the Canterbury affair. Colonizationists are rejoicing, and abolitionists looking sternly.

The result of the meeting to be held in C. to-morrow, will be waited for by us with great anxiety. Our brother May deserves much credit for venturing to expostulate with the conspirators. If any one can make them ashamed of their conduct, he is the man. May, the Lord give him courage, wisdom and success!

Ours is truly a great and arduous cause, my brother; but it is also a holy and benevolent cause and it is our duty to be a popular and triumphant cause. Your labors shall not be forgotten. Did I

think it necessary, I would say to you - Be not cast down
gloom in the name of an abolitionist; speak always confi-
dently of success; remember that the heavier the cross, the
brighter the crown. But you need nothing like this. A
spirit like yours cannot droop: like a fixed star, "it
looks on tempests, and is never shaken."

It is determined that I shall depart on a mis-
sion to England, forthwith! - The Liberator of to-morrow breaks
the information to the public. The enterprise will give
dignity to the abolition cause in this country, and, I trust,
will secure to that cause the patronage and applause of
the abolitionists in Great Britain. I feel wholly inade-
quate to the task assigned me, but the Lord of hosts must
be my stay.

My desire is, to start by the 1st of April.
This I can do, if the funds necessary for the mission should
be promptly obtained - and I think they will be. The proba-
bility is, that I shall be detained till the 15th. In a
few weeks, then, (Providence permitting,) I shall have the
pleasure of greeting you, on my way to New-York.

It is with great self-denial I tear myself
away from the Liberator; but, having a talented coadjutor
to supply my place, I venture to leave it for a time. -
My mission will occupy six, probably twelve months.

When I pass through Providence, I shall
desire to give a farewell address to the people of color.

At present, I am afflicted with a severe cold,
but expect to throw it off without difficulty.

Happy am I to have another opportunity to
subscribe myself

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