

ard gay & Miss Caroline Weston attended, the whole subject was canvassed; and I think no one of the Board can have forgotten that Miss Weston particularly made the Standard's relations to Gt. Britain the theme of her forcible & eloquent remarks - And having spent so much time in this Country, it will, I am sure, to be presumed, that she & such as Mr. Webb should understand the subject alike: So that I never for a moment supposed I had told Mr. Webb what he did not know just as well before, & never have thought of our conversation since, until it has been recalled by Mr. May's letter, which, since it is written, I am glad to have seen.

It seems to me, that had I come to this country in the very spirit of Frederic Douglass, determined to begin my mischief with ruining the reputation of the Ex-Com. by representing them as unfit to control or direct the concerns of the movement, that a more argumentative letter than Mr. May's, or one as you intimated "with points stated more sharply," could hardly have been called for. ^{What will become of me when Mr. Quincy writes, I do not know.} I honor Mr. May for his redeeming expressions of tenderness & regard for me, & the confidence which he declares he still reposes in me. I have no doubt of his sincerity - I shall return him love for love - Confidence for confidence - And I shall still try as I can, to deserve his friendship & esteem - My sadness at this occurrence is beyond all utterance - I think I am well devoted to the Anti-Slavery Cause, though every twelfth man were a Judas - nay, though the last man but me, were on the Cross - And my attachment to the Ex-Committee as the Representatives of that Cause, and my confidence in them, are all of which my heart is capable. I think, ~~it is~~ all they would desire - I can say no more. If this letter is full of weaknesses or contradictions, let my health apologise for me - I think it contains only the truth - I have studied only for that in all its writing - all else must take care of itself - I have only strength to subscribe
Ever & truly yours, Parker Pillsbury.

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At any rate, what I said would not have been said to any but Richard Webb, ^{on one equally intelligent & devoted -} whether it was, that the Standard is published partly in reference to Great Britain, or chiefly in reference to Great Britain, or wholly in reference to Great Britain. Nor would it have been said to him, had strangers been present. Nor would it, I am very sure, have been said to him, ^{at all,} had I dreamed that it was to be so gravely and seriously reported back to Boston.

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trouble me - at times painfully. Indeed I doubt if the
affected side is ever as good as before - And my opinion
is, that the physicians think so too. When Dr. Fildes saw me
in the second week of my attack, he said he thought they
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Will you at your earliest opportunity, be so kind as to
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With the love of a brother & friend to you & Mrs. G. & all the family, I subscribe
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I came to this country fully resolved not to say one word derogatory to the
Standard, or against its publication. I came resolved also, to rescue the fair
name of our movement ^{from the odium attaching to it,} ~~against~~ on account of the charges of infidelity, by
showing that we were doing the Christian work of our country most
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My dear friend Garrison.

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Week before last I wrote a long letter to Mr. Phillips - but I had not time to write one to my own family - writing little by little, ~~as I could~~ as I could. I then designed to write one more letter for publication, & excuse myself from farther effort of that kind for the present. And I was some time in deciding whether to send to the Liberator or Bingle - but at length determined on the former, thinking that probably the Bingle would copy.

Before I had got for however, a letter was shown me from Mr. May to R. D. Webb, which has induced me to throw that aside, & write a few lines to you & perhaps to the Ex. Com. through you, on another subject. My letter to Mr. Phillips was all about the Americans who had come to this country to represent in some way, American Anti Slavery. Strange enough, is it not, that my letter should meet on the ocean, an other coming to this country, the sentiments of which, if just & true towards me, must convict me of more mischief towards the Anti Slavery cause, than had been done by all those whom I described in my letter to Mr. Phillips - differing only in this; that theirs were faults of the heart, mine only of the head. - I thank you for your sympathy towards me, relative "to the strength of Mr. May's statement". Do not however - again speak of their "making difficulty" between me & Mr. May, on the Board - that is not possible. But I do not wonder you thought he "stated some of his points rather too sharply" - - - To me, many things in the letter seems strange & bewildering. I am aware that my health is unimpaired now to form correct judgments. The letter to answer Mr. Webb's letter was such as that "not one steam or must go" without it. Then Mr. May judicialised what I am reported to have said, into an "allegation," & in a double underlined sentence, declares it is not true. Then the haste & apparent heat, with which the letter of Mr. Webb was read to the different Members of the Committee, as they appeared, magnified the subject to my vision, greatly. Then Mr. Phillips borrowed the letter that he might read