Mr. Phillips —
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me as soon as he has

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My dear friend

Here I am on board the Albion steamer for Liverpool - tempted by N.C. bright company, the fineness of the night, tomorrow being Sunday, and the slackness of business (which admits of my absence) to go was a little before the time to see the last of Fullerton in Liverpool. I abhor the sea and sea sickness in particular. On receipt of your letter yesterday I made up a parcel of a Liberty Rule of a pack year, a copy of the Martyr Age, & an explanatory letter from myself and sent them by post to the poor woman, who has not lived in Dublin for I suppose 40 years. He is eminently an anti-cat~~ic~~ ~~fed~~ in his tastes and friendships - Byron used to laugh at him for his love of lords. He lives at Alperton Cottage, near Devizes in (I think) Wiltshire, 30 or 40 miles from London. I think it not likely that your application will be successful - he is too old and worldly to enter with poetic zeal into such a cause as ours.

It takes a great many qualities to make up an abolitionist or even to enable one to ~~enter into sympathy with them~~ sympathize warmly with their efforts. From any thing I ever heard of him I doubt that much is such a man. In his earlier days he was a thorough profligate and in his later years he has been merely a lover of lands and a noted for money. I had him with great delight chez moi, but I have grown shockingly particular in my matters & cannot care for what I do not believe in. It is painful to see years — when Wendell Phillips was here in 1840, he spoke a good deal in the convention of the importance of enlisting the liberals of England in the anti-slavery cause — I do it would be — but it would be necessary to send them to school before much help could be had from them. It is extraordinary how small the proportion of them you meet who have any idea of first principles — and this ignorance is I think to be chiefly attributed to the prevalent theology which makes much of observance and nothing of humanity.

I am heartily glad to see Douglas go on so well. but I attribute his steadiness very much to Fathers influence which I suppose would be greater with him than that of any other man. Douglas is a sharp man - but I am sure he needs such ballast as the presence of such a man as Father alone can supply. As to myself I have nothing to do with him just now, nor have I any occasion. He carries on his bookselling in Edinburgh and has no occasion to communicate with me. If on his return to America, he be able to tolerate with an moderate degree of patience the immense change in his position that will then take place, he will give proof of extraordinary greatness of mind. He is greatly courted, & flattered, and coach-ee enough to turn the head of a very useful man to himself. From what I hear of him, I wonder how he will be able to bear the sight of his wife - after all the petting he gets from beautiful, elegant, and accomplished women in a country where the prejudice against colour is looked upon as a thing only to be laughed at.

In Dublin owing to the ignorance and indifference that prevail respecting Slavery Douglass was little noticed except by a few beyond our own circle. But in Edinburgh, in consequence of the stir that has been made there for years, even especially of late. I hear that people of the highest rank in that eminently aristocratic & concerted metropolis, contend for his company and make him quite a lion. When comes out of the trial unimpaired, it will be a grand day for the cause that he came over for he is eminently suited to execute an errand in it where mere argument & declamation could do nothing. There can be no doubt that much of the success of the Bazaar this year may be attributed to him — for poor all I can learn the contributions from this side of the Atlantic will be fewer than ever. I hear that in Bristol and Belfast they are splendid & doubtless they will be from other parts of England & Scotland. As to poor Dublin it will cut a wretched figure. We have neither wealth nor numbers nor any thing but the zeal and good wishes of half a dozen — so you must give us credit for the only service we have had the way.

When Gladstone was in London and in Dublin I had a good deal of his company and I enjoyed it ~~[illegible]~~ thoroughly for I had never such an opportunity of seeing into him. He is truly transparent and guileless — he bears to be watched & investigated. There is no doubling about him — all is plain and clear and straightforward. I never met such a man in this respect — though I think I know many honest men. I don't wonder he is loved and trusted as he is by those that know him. With such a man on my side, I would not regard a thousand enemies. That is, I think I would not, for I have not been tried.

I wrote to Charles Mackay & other many Ministers for contributions to the Rule — but if they don't come I shall not wonder — it is like asking their people (who live by their wages) for their money when you ask them for a contribution unless they are heartily & wholly interested — which I suppose them ~~[illegible]~~ are not. In check so. When I was in London I had several letters from many Ministers & others to see — I send them to you to read — and if you think proper you

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can sell them for autographs at the Fair. I also send a note from Miss Edgeworth for the Fair. You will observe that ~~they~~ she alludes to her hobby of the importance of being <u>prepared for freedom</u>. However I hope they will buy a dollar a piece. The letter you can sell if you think it safe. I am very troubled with a little of the autograph mania - but I have got so much into the way of parting with them, that I have got over it.

A Mr Coltheart of Dripsey Castle near Cork, ~~Ire~~ who greatly approves Sullivan's abolitionist has taken a fancy to present him with a journal kept by him while acting as a special magistrate in the West Indies during the apprenticeship - this will be sent out by the next steamboat after the present - perhaps in our box - and I would feel obliged to you if for his sake you would manage to find this journal - of which I know nothing - in the way of doing some good - as I am sure it would gratify the writer who ~~seems~~ seems thoroughly & deeply interested in the Anti Slavery cause. Little marks of attention go a great way.

Fathers visit and meetings have been instrumental in enlisting the sympathies of many thoughtful and intelligent people who never felt much interest in the cause before. Many of them were such as are repelled by any thing of cant or pretension ~~and~~ who ~~before~~ looked upon Anti Slavery as religion a hundred hobby – and who be willing to set up since they found that the steed has got too tale stop restore for "the County" to keep their seats upon him

I send a paper – the Dublin Evening Post containing a notice of mine on the Evangelical Alliance meeting in Dublin. I had my ~~called~~ motives to it that Evan might see it to be mine – but if it be printed it had better appear as ~~only~~ simply from the Dublin Evening Post – I think I also send a Clare paper with an article by a former fellow-prisoner of mine who became interested while in my office without my knowing it.

I also send a statement of accounts between us. You will see that about £5 is due you. And now we can begin a fresh score. I suppose I need not say how much it gratifies me to be able to do anything for Evan as forwarding

agent, panel clerk or foreign correspondent. There are many who might be abler but not one more willing than your humble servant. Indeed I think it an honor to be the servant of the servants of slaves who go about their work as you do. You see I told 3 Am. slavery as it is — I think if you would send a dozen in the Bible Box, we could dispose of them to advantage. Any thing showing up the Churches is as good as you could send.

Nov. 3 — Tuesday morning — Last night we had a long talk" (as N.C.W. is apt to say) — about the Business — I suppose the undertaking will be greatly beyond any former experience. A plan was suggested by N.C.W. that I think would be an excellent one for you. It is that you should send us say 1000 copies of the account of the Paid printed neatly on light paper such as would go with an ordinary for 1¢ — that is it should be under half an ounce weight. If these were sent in the Box with the Bibles I could apportion them out so as to send a fair share to each plan. Now there is an objection to this plan — that I have often heard people say that the account of the Paid is too long for the generality of readers and that some thing shorter would do better — I never formed this opinion myself — but it may be that the Report in the pamphlet shape ~~would be~~ might be necessarily un-

condensed in order to come pleasantly within the limits of the penny. The obstruction to the Libraries of which you send copies is that it comes so long not first after delivery — or at least it is a chance if it does — and I who am a very cautious man have sometimes been prevented from sending a Libraries on account of something it contained that would be sure to shock a novice and perhaps frighten him from doing any thing in future. I will send you a copy of the abstract from your account that I read at last year and it will give you some idea of how much I thought sufficient of your report last year for distribution here. Many who work with good will from a variety of motives are indolent readers & hate "to be fashed" with any thing that strikes them as remote and difficult to take in. The generous respecting you have been in. The generous respecting you have been that prevails here is very far be- yond any thing that exists amongst us respecting you — and the effort to understand them proportionately unpleasant. I mention fully that occurs to me that you may make what use you please of my hints. Your old friends are I hope & believe your friends — and therefore will be the more willing that you should

say less about them and more of new contributors. However I heard H. C. W say last night that had years there was a good contribution from Edinburgh and that the chief & almost only laborers were Jane Wigham & Mary Walsh – and he thought that J.W. felt a little that almost nothing was said of Edinburgh – ~~the glory of the~~ where Glasgow was entirely merged in that of Glasgow. If you think this plan a good one and think some such refund or abatement should be calculated on I suggest, and that there is a likelihood of duty or freight adding to the expense to you, let me know your wishes & I will pend the money for you and charge it to you – if in this way you can save anything. Something small matter – Jackson told me last night that every letter paid in Boston costs you 37½ cents – that is about 1/7 of our money – now I would pretty prefer you would let me pay the shilling & charge it to you – My own letters (which I don't pay) only cost a shilling – & there is no one reason that you should pay nearly double – when an arrangement between us can prevent it. You may take my word for it that I will be quite fair in this matter and will not willingly wrong either you or myself. As I can do much with my pocket it is only fair you should have me to rely upon for this little service that are greater in my power – which is a plea-

sure to be able to help you in any way.

Gutman has been collecting daguerreotypes – he has got in Dublin one of James Naughton (very good) Richard Allen (15 (admirable) my brother James & my self (both good). Dr Rodgers of Liverpool says that Richard Allen is the most beautiful specimen of the art he ever saw, and in all matters of taste, art, learning &c. he is a first rate judge. James Naughton is very good indeed – You might think you were looking at him. His complexion is pale – the rest of us very pale colored & ruddy – the Daguerreotype of course gives no idea of complexion – and mine is so dark in the lower part of the face that you might take me for a cousin of Richmond or Douglas. The most beautiful daguerreotypes I ever saw are those of Gutman that I got in Dublin by the same artist that took the above and one of Joseph Poole, Lizzy's brother, a handsome and truly noble young fellow. It is really poetically beautiful – there is an elevation about it that you would worship in a work of Raffaelle. He stood in both positions & this young fellow. Nature is seen in some of her most glorious specimens of true beauty. This is true though I am a giddy old fellow

Here we are in the coffee room at Brussels ~~Jersey~~ before breakfast. George Thompson at the fire side as thin as a lath and as far as a lath — Richard Allen & my brother James just come over from Dublin — Mary Brady a fine hearty woman, a teacher, and a great labourer for the Anti Corn Law League — She came from ~~Sheffield~~ Sheffield last evening. At the table is Farmer a London reporter who accompanied — but I mentioned him before — he is most laborious & indefatigable. Farmer is revising the report of one of his Edinburgh speeches. What an endless deal Farmer will have to tell when he gets home of people from all corners of England & Scotland —

Wednesday morning — last evening came Sarah Cook from Wenlock — Mr Ritchie (a fine old fellow) from Bristol, Smith, the Secy of the League from London — Isabel Jennings from Cork. So find here we are from all the 4 quarters of the globe. A little boy at Ballitore a village in the Co. of Kildare, was once asked of which were the 4 quarters of the earth — He promptly replied "Ballitore, Narraghmore, Timolin, & Crooks-town." So of our mighty throng in Brown's Hotel. However I am delighted that there is so multiferious a voluntary gathering.

You have done a good work in sending him. He goes home having done a greater. There were hers in many hearts in the 3 islands who knew something about matters.

on second thoughts perhaps it would be better you should print and send the account of the Fair in the Bee instead for the sake of some saving of having it to be set up here. It will be the more thought of from coming from you direct. Be sure to mention all the new places and some little things sent from those places. None are more worthy of credit than the very humble donors — but you know they. It is a hard job you have to try to please everybody — I forget among the drapery in last night to mention Frederick Douglass who looks stately & magnificent — with an and that makes passing a mere baby beside him. I had a long talk with Thompson yesterday about the presents of the Leagues which he thinks might be greatly promoted by Frederick being willing to work heartily with & for it, without forgetting himself — but he fears he is impracticable & that his help cannot be relied upon. Poor George looks greatly cut up by his recent labors — he was actually quite weak & ill yesterday — but he has wonderful elasticity.

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Will you tell Edmund Henning that he must look after this as a letter to himself provides his making such a mistake will entitle him to one from him in reply — for by his own account he is a little ~~punctilious~~ punctilious in such matters. You will see by the enc that I am paid for J. T. Hopper which is really a remarkably fine daguerreotype & I will with having as the whimsical to fine an old fellow —

Here is Fullerton with his coats off in the agonies of packing away and people congregating below in the parlour to take their last (I wont be the last) breakfast with him

Yours ever truly

Rich D Webb

I need not send kind remembrances to our friends — for I never forget them

You will receive with this the contribution of the Review — I hope you will like it. It should be perused in the Mantuan Italian exile whose letter were opened by the English Secretary of State, Sir James Graham, & brought down such odium on that functionary. He is a man of noble character & great attainments and his heart and soul are devoted to the regeneration of Italy. I have heard him spoken of as one of the most remarkable men in London