

Dublin 16<sup>th</sup> of Eleventh month 1863GARRISON  
MSS.

My dear Friend,

Well the Bazaar box is gone at last. It is a big one - well lined with tow and the lid studded up to keep all the well - and the whole well roped with a rope that Richard Allen gave me off one of his huge bales of cloth, in which cloth he drives a flourishing trade. The contents are gathered from Kerry, Limerick, Waterford, Wexford, with a few odd contributions from a friend in Birmingham and some very nice ones from Guernsey. We think the value of the whole at sale price is about 850 dollars - be the same more or less. I have had a busy time of it for the last day or two - for the things came tumbling in at the very end - so that there was barely time to take a hasty review of them - to correct some of the prices that seemed too high, and to pack them up. My wife (whom I would rather call Hannah if you had ever seen ~~her~~ her) has marked down the parcels that came under our own immediate notice with the nos. from 1 N.W. to 19 N.W. These 19 parcels you will find scattered here and there among the rest and upon them I have to make some notes and comments for thy guidance and edification. To wit

- 1- 48 articles of baby linen with at linen draper just cost with making up 25 cents each - these you will sell for 50 cents - that is ~~what~~ supposed they will be worth so much with you
- 2- 24 ditto - cost 20 cents each to sell at 60 each
- 3- 28 pairs with 32 " " " 64 "
- 4- 36 copy books - whole sale at 6 cents each - to sell to Irish schoolboys and their masters at 8 cents each.
- 5- 24 Lewisian seals from Cork with wholesale 20 cents to sell at 50 Lewis died lately and it is not likely that these seals will be to be had much longer. They are beautifully executed and we have selected the most killing patriotic devices & mottoes
- 7- 4 copies of Abby America. I got them for 66 cents each set - but as they were never published with you, and are quite new, I think you should get at least 150 cents each for them. No doubt you will ask as much as is prudent and proper



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8- 3 copies of Beaumont's Ireland - an admirable book - and translated by one of the most eminent literary heads of the day - viz. Wiseman too. These I gave one dollar per set for - they were published at 2/1- each and should sell for 2 dollars each. I think this one of the very best books upon Ireland for any one who wishes to have a clear and well drawn picture of her history and present position.

9- 5 quires of Irish pictorial letter papers cost 50 cents per quire to sell at 100 cents if any one will be so kind as to buy it.

10- 12 Ruby Rodies (!) cost 30 cents & to sell at 60 cents each

11- 12 " " 36 " " 72 " "

12- In the rounded wicker looking wooden box on the Guernsey contributions - among them two pieces of shell work well priced.

Anna Allen who is an amateur in all matters pertaining to art, says they should bring 3 dollars each.

13- A square white box, sealed & packed, with the Haughton contributions

14- Model of an English cottage which I have not seen but hear it is beautiful. 'Tis a great chance if it arrive safe. I should think at least 100 to 1.

15- A trunk blue wooden box contains Anna Allen contributions. She is great at Berlin work and has a great tendency to elegant luxury, sentimental literature and cordial hospitality.

16- 7 dozen men's collars - contained worth 25 cents each by retail. They sell for 20 cents here.

17- A splendid pair of Ball Pulls made by Lurey Cooke of Georgetown, my most gifted (I mean the most gifted) of my cousins. She has bright thoughtful eyes and writes a dashing letter.

18- 4 shirts (sent from me) for William Lloyd Garrison, Esq.

19- Ruby Liner to sell at twice the price marked. This then will possess has been my modest insinuation all through

20- A piece from Margaret Fisher of Limerick for Thomas Davis, R. I.



As I hope the box will be in thy possession by the end of this month, there will have a few hours to spare to look over the price of the other things, and to alter them according to thy idea of their value. We, mere fishers here, can only do the best we could. Here is a very decent sword some tippet worth 10 dollars. It was made by a cousin of mine in Watford who has worked well for you - I would like to know its fate.

By next mail I intend to offer a modest proposal - which will consist of a list of such names as would in my judgment be judiciously rewarded by a Whittier Poem, a Liberty Bells, a letter from New York or any tract in that line. I think that a few dollars disposed in this way would be well bestowed and that it would not be lost in any sense. I will also, I hope, then make a return of subscriptions to the Liberator, Standard, &c. - freight of box and so forth - some of which I am prepared for just now.

Yesterday was a great day with us. We had the things to overhaul in the middle of the day - my wife, my brother Thomas's wife, and his sister Susanne Fisher (one of the Fishers of Leicester) were busy at work when I ran in out of the printing office to see how they were getting on - I heard a great noise of children, laughing, & so forth going on in the drawing room (where they were at work for the Standard) when behold who should be with one of my little girls on one knee and the other on his other knee, but H. C. Wright just come from Scotland to spend some of his winter months with us. He looks then but healthy and hearty. He has got a dark plaid suit and a frock coat on, and only complains of bad rest at night. In the evening came also from Watford my wife's sister Maria Waring a prime favorite of Henry's - and a fine, strong hearted, original minded girl. To add to all this, just before Henry came the postman left two Liberator, a letter for Henry from Anne de Welland, and the large package for James Jennings for me - and enclosing Edmund Jennings letter to Henry. We had a royal feast over Henry. Thomas and myself have read them, and I will take care that it is not an opportunity



General or to the Gentiles. I am aware that many of its remarks were not intended for the honest. When I sent you Cushman's letter it was not with the hope that you would think the better of my judgment for selecting him as one of the favored few to whom E. L.'s letter was communicated. It was rather that he might see what would be said about him by a writer, well beloved, and able man, who happens to be steeped and unapprehensive of two kinds of humor. It is some years since I have seen Cushman - but when he lived in Dublin he was one of our committee and deservedly valued for his integrity and his entire usefulness as a temperance lecturer. He was with us when Garrison was here and was a profound admirer of his - and as sincere as he seemed to be.

All that heart I said of Mrs Child is like what I had half suspected. My view of her character and present position seems to me most remarkable. I felt greatly disappointed with her Farewell Address - that she had so little to say in it for the cause and so much for herself. She seems to feel no regret at leaving it and to have nothing to suggest for its maintenance and promotion. Surely even to an ambitious mind, her present position is a great descent from that which she occupied as editor of the Standard! I think if she had had her hand in its promotion, how much she might have been offended by the advice or hints of individuals she ought to have been ready to help Anti Slavery on by the occasional contribution of articles or sermons with his name to them, for his benevolent purposes. If offended friends and false honors do not prevail too far with her, I hope she will do as our ancient "public friend" helped the rising young preacher Joseph John Furness would do, when he substituted the use of long trousers (which were deemed rather gay for Quaker clergy) for the short inseparables before in use by weighty friends - that is to say, "I hope she will see her way out of them." She has heretofore exhibited so much beauty of mind and magnanimity of character that it is a thousand pities she should be caught in the worthless toils of mere second rate literary reputation. When I first saw specimens of her writings, I only meant my opinion - naive and unvarnished. I was sensible of the existence of much obscurity, even sentimentality & some egotism but the moral strain of her letters is so far beyond what is often met with that I was fain willing to be blind - much more than a little blind - to a great many defects for the sake of so many common good qualities.

Mrs J. C. Fuller returned to America. We know nothing of her, per or con.



I am greatly pleased by thy domestic sketches. I am sensible that many of  
my queries touched too much of the inquirer general - but such inquiries and  
the answers to them if they can be had have a very deep interest for them (5  
knowing how far my own mind has strayed away from the orthodox qua-  
sition in which I was never firmly grounded. I have felt anxious for my  
children. Our community is very orthodox, and we, the American abolitionists,  
are looked upon by friends generally as no better than children of the devil.  
Our late Subterraneanism - our indifference to preaching - to the strict question  
of slavery - our uncertain reputation - I do not have given great trouble to our  
friends (and no wonder when they think on the consequences of such errors) and  
have brought Anti Slavery into great disrepute. Our unrepentant sentiments  
for they don't go much farther, are considered another portion of the same  
large heresy. Our 4 children, two boys (10 and 8 year old) and two girls 6 1/2  
and 5, are none of them at all hands some - and all of about the average degree of  
intelligence. They are inquisitive and lively - but have got no theological training  
and hardly ever go to meeting - the eldest has gone perhaps 4 times, and the two  
next maybe 7 or 8 times each. They are not asked to go - and are I think about  
as free minded as children can be made to be. I don't know how it will be as  
they grow to think their own thoughts (if people ever do so, which I doubt) and to  
feel as they look into, the reflection of our bad reputation overshadowing themselves.  
They are very fond of us, and as I think in consequence of the faultiness which has  
been their mothers rule in their education they become more reasonable, more  
interested in us, and more attached to us as they grow older.

I need hardly remark, I suppose, that if in any the course of my inquiries, you  
should meet with any that should not have been made, you have only to scan  
them by. My deep interest in your cause and in your labors turn a great  
portion of my thoughts towards you, and you therefore need not wonder  
that I have much to ask which you can answer. But I don't want to be  
obtrusive or troublesome - and I don't think I am huffy.

About O'Connell I have often said as thou hast done that I thought him  
as honest as to what a politician could be - and I still think so. This to be  
sure, is after all, would be thought from praise by one who looked upon politi-  
cal life as ~~such~~ so corrupting in its influences upon the morals & the  
feelings of a man, as we do. My remarks upon him in my letters to you  
were intended to show what I think of the man as a man - perhaps in  
comparison with Garrison or Rogers - but as a politician or in any other qua-  
lifying sense. Since then state Prosecutions have commenced, all my feelings  
in an Irishman (for I am one of that race of white negroes) have been roused  
in his favor. What are his faults he and they are many, I don't like to see this  
kind of the Catholic millions misled by the wiser paid Attorney General of a

W. W. writes much of any thing that is in print about this visit to England. We shall be glad to hear of it. He means to do nothing but skip, jump, play and write letters. Wm. Phillips and Co. writes much of any thing that is in print about this visit to England.



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Vindictive English Tory Ministry, whom he has always baffled hitherto,  
and I hope will baffle again. One of the conspirators now on trial with O'Connell  
met me the day before yesterday in the streets. I asked him how they fared  
and what hope they had. He said that "in hope to beat them yet." O'Connell  
being a first rate lawyer and having some of the ablest men at the bar on his  
side is of course enabled to do much to weary, postpone, and baffle the crown  
lawyers which would not be done in ordinary cases. Since we have since  
I wrote to St. Martineau (for the first time in my life - asking for a contribution  
to the Liberty Bells, and pouring forth into his sympathies (!) can my regrets &  
patentist hands at the government prosecutions. I wrote at some length - my  
thoughts suggested by the occasion. She replied contentedly that she had sent  
her contribution to the Liberty Bells to Mrs. Chapman long since - and as to the  
military occupation of Ireland - the Proclaiming down the Abolition of Slavery meeting -  
and the State Prosecutions she thought the conduct of the government so eminently  
despised, wise & humane, that she gloried in it. She thinks O'Connell one  
of the basest and worst of men for having done what he could to excite hatred  
between the English & Irish - than the fullest confidence in the ~~government to do~~  
disposition and intention of government to do kindly and justly towards Ireland  
in the way of making into government the reform of Ireland. Mind now, this  
is the very same set of men who when in opposition to the Whigs lately in power,  
used their best efforts and successfully to counteract almost all that was  
attempted to be done by them for the good of Ireland. They endeavoured almost  
successfully to limit the franchise, and they damned all the measures  
of reform they did not destroy - They do so this - and Sir Robert Peel at  
the head of them. How can Miss Martineau hope for justice, humanity,  
and kindness to Ireland - except as these are private professions to herself?  
I cannot tell. I write in reply that much of what I have now said, and  
reminded her that as to O'Connell's wickedness, much might be said, but that  
he had damned us words, shield both English Whigs and Tories all the last  
and all the present ministry, had been the red handed, black hearted  
perpetrators of some of the meanest, cruellest, <sup>least</sup> justifiable wars in the  
whole history of the world - I allude to those in the east. That unless  
we compare our ideas of man's moral obligations, within geographical  
boundaries, there were from whom she appeared to hope so much for Ire-  
land, are some of the most flagitious beings the world has seen - and  
although unlikely to do a good thing in the right way from a good motive.  
As it augurs if they do good to Ireland, we have O'Connell to thank, & not them.



The report that she was not able for entirely, but that she remained of the same (7  
mind about O'Connell - that she hoped for measures of great good for Ireland from the  
government - that she ~~was~~ waited in my abhorrence of aristocratic aggression and  
of the eastern war which she called the crowning disgrace of the Irish ministry - tho'  
they were equally disgraceful to the Tories who carried them on to a bloody & rapacious  
conclusion. Her last letter as well as her first was full and consistent - more so  
than could have looked for in reply to such traders from an obscure body like myself  
to me so distinguished as she is.

Nevertheless, I do not comprehend the grounds of  
her hopes of success and large efforts for the good of Ireland from men who have always  
acted against her - at least against her Catholic population which includes five  
sixths of the people. For a true book about Ireland, free from national, party, or religious  
bias I would recommend De Beaumont. Being a Frenchman and a litterateur he  
was likely to be much of a devotee. A trivium of the hopes (in my mind, the  
vain hopes) of the more ardent and intellectual of the Irish leaders - the young  
men - young Ireland - may be found in the spirit of the Nation a collection of  
songs that I sent to Rosen lately. Part 2 is just published. They are abundantly  
full of bungecum, bloodthirstiness, and high flying enterprised patriotism. This class  
has always to my knowledge been anxious to purchase American support by silence  
on the subject of Slavery - and O'Connell's Abolitionism has given them great dis-  
faction - he is the only active repeater I know of who has evinced any  
tried antislavery spirit. As to the multitude they will bow to any thing  
says - as multitudes worthily do - specially such an impulse, they  
subject ~~to~~ ~~as~~ ~~ours~~. I doubt whether a very long thin skinned, scrupulous  
could be a reader of any mob - they would not understand him. I attribute O'  
Connell's fidelity in the long run to the ~~antislavery cause~~ - 14 to his real respect to James  
Haughton - heart, to James faithfulness in remonstrating with him - in rubbing the  
him against the grain - and perhaps to a sense of how seriously his character  
would suffer by any course but the right one.

There is a copy of Beaumont directed for Thomas Davis - also in A. Allen's  
box a piece for him packed - and another piece from another lady in a parcel  
by itself. - but I find that I mentioned this before.

When the box was filled with all we had to send, there was still room which  
we occupied with 2 reams of folio post writing paper - and one ream of letter paper  
the two first are worth about 3 1/2 dollars per ream. Keep if these please the 1/2  
the other ream <sup>for</sup> to Rosen & 1/4 to Garrison. It is better than the cotton ~~stuff~~  
which falls to pieces with a little handling.

I take to much upon me in the way of writing that it is worthily left to her  
to do the greater part of this kind of work myself. I wish my wife could find time  
to write now and then but she is so busy she thinks she cannot. Betty has heard  
writing and her ideas have all the same sad despatch which mine are depressed in  
- with the despatches you naturally want to hear from her - but until you do  
you would not assured that she enjoys your letters with me as much as I do - They had  
latter was a great feast to us both.



8) Jane Lennox is on a visit in our West District with a great cousin of Sir Humphrey Davy who is himself professor of chemistry to the Dublin Society. I was with her the last night. She has been some weeks here, and I have seen but little of her - as she would not think needlessly a point of honor to visit nobody but those to whom she is stopping while she remains in town. I will have her autographs and they better safe for her while she remains. She has I think great energy and good nature but not much reflection or judgment. She is well about the sympathy and desire of her friends call her "Dotted Jane". The autographs are very good. I have only glanced at them.

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News which in the last few Liberator are admirable - I feel quite small while I read them. How he and Child have skinned Daver - or rather how they have made him skin himself. I wonder how he feels. Don't they know? Do you know anything of Mrs. Stanton, Mary H's wife. We thought her infinitely better than when they were here. She has a remarkably independent spirit.

This day of tomorrow morning Maria Werry, Hannah & myself are to go to Belfast by sea at long land to be present at the marriage of his brother to a young woman - and we will have great relaxation and recreation among the new marrieds - all quakers are so - but Belfast is the strong hold - the bride club is very strong the bridegroom club hates anti-slavery. He is however a fine young man & respects his faith with much more devout & faithful regularity than some truly. Has Collins left you really & entirely? (We have a warm side for shall.) Much  
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