

Newburyport, Sept. 15th, 1848.

GARRISON  
MSS.

My Dear friend:

I am here with our friends Pillsbury, Brooke and Stone. We came here, on Wednesday, to hold a convention. Our meeting was held the first evening at Market Hall; but we were turned out of it very uncerimoniously by the Select men of the Town. There being a Democrat present who opened a hall in the place, very generously came forward and offered it to us, as long as we wished to remain in the place. We accepted the offer, and last evening we held another meeting. In the course of my remarks, I said that Newburyport, had done nothing for the anti-slavery cause, and that I supposed that she <sup>would</sup> be behind every other place in the Commonwealth. I was followed by the Rev. Mr. Higginson, <sup>(C.T.W.H.)</sup> the Unitarian clergyman of this place. He commenced by saying "I cannot agree with my friend Brown, that Newburyport has not contributed her share to the anti-slavery cause. She has done more than any other village in New England." At this the pro-slavery audience gave him immense applause. Some asked "What

has Newburyport given to the anti slavery  
cause? The speaker, an eminent "Wm Lloyd Garrison,"  
I wished at the time, that <sup>you</sup> had been  
there, to hear with what applause ~~the~~  
it was received. "Yes" said he "Newburyport  
has given Garrison, to the cause, and  
now she can afford to sleep for a  
while." You have many friends in your  
native place; many who when they hear  
your name mentioned in meeting, find  
themselves applauding, before they know  
what they are about.

You are aware I presume, that Mrs Brown,  
did not go to the West, as she had  
promised me when I saw her in  
New Bedford, in July last. She had  
been in Worcester, New Bedford &c -  
since that time, doing what she  
could to injure my influence.  
Mr Jackson and others, thought it  
best to try to get her to meet me  
with a committee of the friends. So  
I wrote to her and she promised  
to attend. But as soon as she found  
that I intended to bring up the cause  
of our separation, she refused to meet  
us, and left the office. The next day,  
Mr May had another talk with her,  
and prevailed upon her to meet us.

Accordingly, at the appointed time, she met us, and we talked over the whole matter, but was very clear from answering any question calculated to injure herself. And our talk amounted to but very little, in my opinion. I told her at the time, that I should write to Buffalo, to procure some evidence against her, which seemed to make her more uneasy, than anything which had been said. So after we had dissolved our meeting, and she left the office, she sent for me, and promised that if I would not write to Buffalo, she would meet me with Mr May, and others, <sup>and</sup> mutually settle the matter. She promised that if I would give her a certain sum of money, she would unite with me, in petitioning for a Divorce. I am to meet her a week from next Monday. She denied, that she ever said to you or Mrs Garrison, that she did not wish her child to be brought into the room, when I met her at your house, in July, last.

I think it the best way to settle the matter by Divorce, if I can arrange it with her. But I am making this too long, I hope that you will soon be at the Helm

of the Liberator. Please give my respects  
to Mrs Garrison. Truly your friend  
Wm W Brown

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