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From Oliver Johnson

Anti-Slavery Office,

52 Oliver Johnson April 28, 1860.

My Dear Garrison,

You know that the interest
in the proceedings of our meetings, keenly
felt at the time, dies out rapidly; hence,
the sooner they are printed, the better.
Our usual practice has been to get
only a small part of the first morn-
ing's proceedings into the Standard of that
week, leaving the subsequent reports to
drag through ^{the} two following weeks or
more, to the exclusion of all variety
and of whatever fresh matter the times
may furnish. This way of doing the
business has always annoyed me,
and this year I propose to exhibit a
little of the enterprise that characterizes
the press of this age, and the want of

which, I am persuaded, is a great disadvantage to us. Let me tell you what I think can and ought to be done, and what I propose, with your cooperation and that of others, to do. It is this: to print the entire proceedings of Tuesday morning in the Standard of the same week. This will make an interesting and valuable paper for circulation, and by advertising it beforehand, I think we may reasonably hope to sell many ^{extra} copies, and thus introduce the paper to the notice of some who are not now ^{its} readers, and who may, perchance, be induced to become so. Such an exhibition of enterprise will be satisfactory to the friends of the paper everywhere, who will naturally be glad to get the ^{full} proceedings of that first great meeting at the earliest moment, instead of being tantalized by a partial report and compelled to wait for the rest till ~~it~~ ^{it}

has become comparatively "flat, stale & unprofitable." This plan, besides, will give us a clear desk for all that comes afterwards.

Let me tell you how I propose to do this. In the first place, I want you to send me the resolutions (in print or manuscript), so that our compositors can have them on Monday morning. (I will have the first-side, which usually occupies much of that day, completed on Saturday, & the cases all ready for inside matter.) Then I expect to get Dr. Cheever's and Mrs. Stanton's copy, which, with the resolutions, shall all be in type by the time that Mr. Gerrinton can ^{begin to} furnish us with his report of your's, Davis's and Phillip's speeches. If he thinks that he cannot write these speeches all out in time (in addition to taking notes of the proceedings that are to follow), then I

propose to obtain help for him - I
can easily find some body to report
what you and Purvis say, leaving
Yerrinton to concentrate his efforts on
Phillips. If necessary, I mean to have
a little extra help in the printing-office,
in order to get the paper out at the usual
time.

It strikes me that all this is
feasible, and that it is no more
than we, with an eye to the good
of the Standard and the cause, ought
to do. Of course, you know I shall do
my best to serve the Liberator at the
earliest moment with slips. The addi-
tional expense of this arrangement cannot
be more than a few dollars, while the ad-
vantages strike me as quite important. Our
friends in Philadelphia and vicinity, who
take a large proportion of our edition,
would be particularly pleased; and all
the readers who cannot be at the