

Brooklyn, June 14, 1836.

My dear Flenny:

28- It appears by your favor of yesterday, that your forgiveness readily overtops my seeming negligence, and sits victorious above the height of my procrastination. Thanks! To be just is the severity of goodness; but to be generous, under provocation, is something beyond justice.

Happy am I to hear that your steps are tending towards the Temple of Health, — that you have indeed reached the vestibule, and are preparing to enter into the beautiful interior, and to offer up a sweet-smelling sacrifice ^{on} the altar of gratitude.

"O, who can speak the vigorous joys of health,
Unclogged the body, unobscured the mind!
The morning rises gay with pleasing stealth—
The temperate evening falls serene and kind."

But it is better to have a sick body than a diseased soul — to have our physical functions impaired, than to have our minds cast down from their native vigor.

I deem it very fortunate that your strength will permit you to visit Philadelphia at this time, because the disagreement between friend Buffum and ourselves cannot be settled by correspondence, and because it would not be convenient either for Knapp or myself to make such a trip. Indeed, you are more familiar with the accounts of the Liberator, especially with the situation of T. Buffum's accounts, than I am, and probably than Knapp.

A bundle ^{will be} ~~has been~~ transmitted to you by the stage-driver this afternoon, in which you will find a letter for James Mott, which I have no doubt will give you a welcome reception at his house — and also a Statement from me, relative to the agreement between Buffum and myself, entered into in the fall of 1834, to commence with the new year 1835. This you will lay before the Committee of Arbitration.

You ask for some instructions as to the mode of proceeding
in the settlement of the accounts.

1. I hardly think it will be practicable for you to accomplish the object of your journey, so as to be in Newport on Tuesday next; although if you can, I shall be very glad — but I am afraid such rapid travelling, with the business to be done in so short a time, will be more fatiguing than your constitution is able to bear. Let me calculate — Should you start from Providence on Wednesday afternoon, you will reach New-York early on Thursday morning, if no obstacle prevent, in season to take the 7 o'clock ^{steamboat} for Philadelphia, in which city you will arrive about 2, P. M. The afternoon and evening you will need for rest — perhaps it will be necessary to let friend Buffum know at once of your arrival. On Friday and Saturday, you will have your interviews before the committee of arbitration, and perhaps succeed in getting their decision upon the merits of the case. Of course, you must tarry in P. over the Sabbath. Monday morning you can leave for New-York, and arrive at 2, P. M., spend three hours in seeing a few anti-slavery friends, and then leave in the Providence boat at 5, P. M. and arrive in Newport the next morning — or, you can tarry in N.Y. until Tuesday afternoon, and so reach Newport on Wednesday morning. All this is on the supposition that your strength will bear it, and that you succeed in making a speedy settlement in Philad. But it is more important that you should see the business finished, than that you should be in Newport, gratifying as I know it would be to you to hear the discussion. Indeed, I would recommend, if you find the visit agreeable to you, that you extend it some time — being very watchful in respect to your health and diet.

2. The arbiters named by friend Buffum and myself are James Mott, Thomas Shipley, and Joseph Cassey: if neither of these can attend to the matter, you and B. can choose any others that whom you please.

3. Be careful not to impeach the character of friend Buffum in the smallest degree, unless he is obviously disposed to be dishonest, (which I cannot suppose,) of which the arbiters will judge. It will be better to assume that there is an honest misapprehension or mistake somewhere, and then endeavor to find it.

4. Neither party should make a statement to the arbiters unless both are present; and every thing that is to be said should be said before them.

5. Require friend Buffum to confess or deny, explicitly, my statement of the agreement between us; for upon that, every thing depends.

6. Carefully read his letters, and observe the discrepancies therein, and see if he does not repeatedly recognise the agreement allowed to.

7. If he can satisfactorily make it appear that he advanced in the course of 1834, \$200 beyond his receipt, then ascertain if he did not afterwards collect all of it, or a large portion, afterwards. Again: If he really made the advance at that time, then see how much he owes us for the year 1835, according to agreement, and strike a balance accordingly. Again: If he made the advance unknown to us, and without our request, ought we to be responsible because the subscribers did not pay him? I think not - though we shall not refuse to do so.

8. Friend Buffum says there are between 5th & 600 dollars due in Philad., not yet collected. If it is all owing for the year 1835, then, according to agreement, it belongs to him; we are not responsible either for its loss or collection, but he is responsible to us.

9. Be careful to require of him an account of the money collected by him, at various periods, of mail subscribers, both in the city and in various parts of the State. I think the sum must be considerable.

10. If friend Buffum should make any statements which will affect the case, and you cannot answer them to the satisfaction of the arbiters, let their decision be deferred until you write home for further information. I do not think of any thing more at present.

Remember me with all tenderness of affection to friend Mott
and wife, Dr. Ross Moore and wife, Lydia White, the Fortses, and all
the dear friends. I need not particularise.

Tell bro. George little Anna has improved very much in health
since I wrote last. Her appetite is good, and she appears very well.

We were glad to see Mr. Stetson return yesterday - for
every absent man is missed in a village like this. All the things

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Mr. Henry E. Benson, C
Care of Benson & Chase,
Providence,
R. S.



sent by him were safely and promptly delivered. But I cannot afford
to pay the postage upon little George at present - must send ^{him} by pri-
vate conveyance. He and his mother are well. My nose begins to in-
fume a little - the Dr's preparation comes seasonably - but my cutwork
is certainly better. I trust Stanton and Weld will both be at Newport.
Love to bro. George, Charlotte, the Chases, &c. Yours truly,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison