Boston, Feb. 23, 1855.

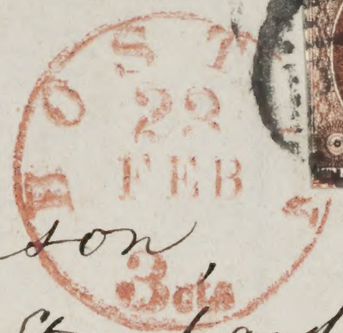
My dear Johnson:

139 Last evening, Gen. Houston gave his lecture on slavery, to a crowded auditory. In every point of view, it was a feeble effort, and went for slavery eternally, by a law of "necessity." He has furnished me with some nuts to crack in my lecture at the Tabernacle on Tuesday ~~morning~~ evening. On Thursday evening, I am to reply to Houston at the Temple; so I must return home from your city on Wednesday morning.

I intend leaving here on Monday morning. Dr. Rotton expects me to spend the evening and night with him in Brooklyn; and my friend James S. Gibbons has written a letter, cordially inviting me to abide with him. I have replied to him, that I will probably go home with him after my lecture, and take the Boston train at the station near his house the next morning. If, however, you have made other arrangements for me, I ought to hold myself subject to your wishes, and will endeavor to do so.

Yours, ever,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.



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