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ROXBURY, APRIL 22, 1868.

My dear Johnson:

Thanks for your two last letters. I feel gratified indeed with what you say, — as an expression of Theodore's feelings as well as your own, — in regard to my continuing to write more or less frequently for The Independent, in the various methods suggested by you.

Of course, what I may send at any time will be accepted or omitted, published promptly ~~at~~ as convenience may allow, ad libitum.

This will not only be in accordance with my wishes, but will put me at my ease.

I am glad you were able to find time to read my letters to W. J. Bowditch and A. M. Powell, and to know that they were deemed conclusive on the points at issue. The former is a very excellent man, but characteristically firm in his opinions, often even to doggedness. I am sorry that he allows himself to be so strongly influenced by Mr. Phillips, as he



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certainly is in the matter of the Jackson legacy. By the way, the Trustees had another meeting yesterday, in consequence of a formal demand having been made upon them by the Executive Committee of the Freedmen's Commission for the legacy, in accordance with the decree of the Supreme Court. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Bowditch both again declared that they would not regard that decree, even to the extent of paying one dollar into the treasury of the Commission! Mr. May moved, and I seconded his motion, that the whole amount be paid over at once. This was rejected - 4 to 3. I then moved that half the amount be paid this year, and the balance next year. This also was rejected by the same vote. Edmund Jackson moved, and C. K. Whipple seconded his motion, that one thousand dollars be given to the Commission for one year. Only Whipple and himself voted for the motion - Mr. May and I voting against it, as a mere evasion of the decision of the Court practically. Bowditch and Phillips refrained from voting;

consequently, nothing was accomplished. The Commission will have to report to the Court, that the Trustees refuse to obey its decree; and the Court will, doubtless, have to remove Bowditch and Phillips for contumacy. Is it not an extraordinary case?

Poor Powell I regard with pity, as he is in P's grip, and not really in a position to act independently.

As for the Longwood anniversary, I desire to attend it all the more as I was absent last year; yet I do not think I can properly engage positively to attend, seeing that it will be just the time for the return of Fanny and her husband; and there are many reasons why I ought to be at home on their arrival. Meeting them at New York, and passing on to Longwood, will hardly answer. At least, with so much of uncertainty in the case, advertise me only as expected; and secure the attendance of some one upon whom you may rely. I will do the best I can.

Ever yours, truly, Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

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