

Bristol, November 10th 1845. Monday.

My dear Mr. May

Though I have written so recently to you (by the last packet) and you must have had quite enough of my gossip for the present, I cannot allow the present opportunity to pass by without sending you a few more lines, if it be only to express the gratification I feel at ~~to~~ our having been able to collect together ^{a number} respectable ~~a~~ box of articles for the Fair. My daughter & her aunt have toiled most indefatigably in the matter, & the exhibition we had in our drawing-room for 3 days of the things going to America, (visited by more than 200 people) has, we believe, laid the foundation for an entire set of labors for another year.

I have written to Mrs Chapman in reference to a plan of keeping up the interest of the English operatives in the cause.

I send you a copy of an address on Phrenology which I mentioned to you as having read at a Medical Meeting, and with it a newspaper account of that ^{meeting}.

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I have reason to remember that occasion, for the
excursion necessary to prep. one first, and on the day
of assembling, brought on, or at least hastened the
severe illness I had immediately after. The Christian
Reformer of this month notices my little pamphlet,
and gives a fair representation of the state of opinion
of 99 out of 100 of the sensible & reflecting people
in this country, on the merits of Mrs. Mark's
means' fall is most precious to her friends and
admirers. She has never yet publicly acknowledged
the deceitfulness of her servant J. which was proved
by the clearest testimony. In the address that
I read, I could not speak particularly of her case
without saying what would give her pain, so I
merely alluded to J's conversion of water into wine
in the preface, and to Mrs. Mark's cure without
mentioning her name.

I had no intention of sending any of the pamphlets
to the Fair, but my daughter begged she might
include a dozen copies.

I send you one or two of the last Reports of my
Eye Dispensary: they may interest some medical
friend. I founded the Institution.

I cannot but regard the Protest of the 170 Unitarians
as an important move not withstanding the holding
back of the SO. I was glad to see your letter to the Sp
in our last Inquirer.

I have been in correspondence with Mr. R. D. Webb
of Dublin, who has been publishing F. Douglass' ^{with} life, ^{and}
^{the object of} requesting him to leave out, in any future edition,
the minutiae as to Covey's breeding slave which ^{is}
at p. 62 of the Boston edition, I mean all in the para-
graph following ~~that~~ ~~where~~ he after his describing her
as a "breeder". My object simply was, that such dis-
gusting details would limit the circulation of the
book in this part of the world, particularly ^{where} ~~where~~
there were young people in the families. I could not
have lent my copy with any comfort, had I not
erased that part. — Mr. Webb however is a thorough
Garrisonian; he sees not the slightest objection
to the statement, as "such facts ought to be commu-
nicated." Douglass I find has been rather
fighting the Dublin quakers by his strong state-
ments in their meeting house.

I am more & more convinced that in exciting
a feeling in this part of the world against American ^{Slavery,}
we must keep out of view the differences that exist

among A. S. people in your quarters of the globe - Our
friends ^{cannot} ~~walk~~ ~~not~~ ~~enter~~ into the numerous local and
difficulties the friends of the slave meet with in America,
and when they think they perceive a want of Christian
charity & forbearance towards the others, they are
disposed to support a cause ^{when} ~~advocated~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~
course such a defect. I am obliged to employ
the Liberator with caution - Only 2 days ago I
sent the No. containing the Unit^y Protest to a gentle
lady without being aware of that there was any thing
objectionable in the paper. But she was quite
horrified at reading a letter in Mrs. Davis's name,
and seemed to doubt the propriety of my even taking
it out a journal - The letter, signed Charles B.
Stearns, is certainly most offensive to a serious
Christian. I will send you Mrs. Poy's note. I wrote
to her as good an explanation as I could; told her such
were not Garrison's views, and that after ^{all} the faults
of friends of Abolitionists, did not diminish the
abominations of Slavery. So often agree in opinion
with those who attack your party, that I find it a dif-
ficult matter to defend it as I would wish to do.
There is in last week's Register a letter in reference

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to Mr. Haughton's attack on the American clergy which
contains some judicious remarks upon the ^{manner} ~~address~~ in
which householders must be judged: it goes however too
far in my view in defence of your clergy. The letter is signed
Amicus.

Another circumstance likely to excite a knowledge
of A. S. differences in America, & to prejudice people here
against your Society, is the presence of Joseph Sturge,
& John Scoble, Sec^y to the B. & F. Anti-S. Soc^y. I
met them 2 nights ago, & had a little conversation with
Mr. Sturge who said the Liberty party was the A. S.
Society that was the efficient one, & embraced all
the finest minds ^{among the} of Abolitionists. He did not however
deny that Mr. Garrison was an honest man - Mr.
Scoble said he had heard good reports of Fr. Douglass, &
saw no reason why he should not be received by the
B. & F. A. S. Soc^y, but that he had not yet sent any
recommendations from their American friends, to the
London Society. I doubt very much if Douglass's very
violent attacks, upon the ^{Am^{er}} clergy especially, ~~by~~ ^{(which some}
are ^{to} consider the same as attacking religion) will
be suitable for our atmosphere? I should be very sorry
if he frightened away from him, & prejudices against
him sensible, well disposed quiet people who dislike
violent language & intemperate sentiments.

Prof. W. Hays & Seale are come hither to give a
lecture and stir up A. S. feeling; but I doubt if they will
~~have to do~~ touch much upon American Slavery
— in my view the "root of all evil" in this matter.
I believe they are opposed to the importation of the
Hill Coolies & other labourers into the West India Islands,
and they have been communicating with France
~~and other matters~~, about the abolition in the French
Islands: perhaps I may send you a number of their
proceedings, by the packet. Do newspapers
cost you any thing?

Do you know Chambers's Miscellany?
I presume you do, but will send you the Volume
containing "Slavery in America". - These tracts are
published separately at only 1 penny each. It
is a most valuable work for the new Garrison
reading classes here, and ^{is} ~~is~~ extensively sold.
The delicate ~~parts~~, or rather the indelicate
parts of the subject of Slavery, are treated in a
most inoffensive, and correct manner.

I mentioned in my former letter an emancipated slave
at St. Kitts named Douglas. His letter to Messrs. Baillie
Merchants of Bristol, shall be copied out for you with

his own orthography. My friend Mr. Ames, (partner in Wallis's
house) has lent me the letter, & tells me that one of their Estates
in St. Kitts is cultivated by after the "share system," Douglas
being one who has ^{two or three acres} ~~an acre~~ of field, to look after, half
the produce of which he receives for his trouble, the owner
having the other half. Last year D. sent home a couple or 4
(I forget which) hogsheads of sugar for the House to sell
for him, which they did, not charging him any com-
mission, & Mr. Ames wrote encouragingly to him,
hence his acknowledgments. On inquiry of the
Captain of the ship who knows Douglas, if he was a re-
spectable man the answer was, "no, for he wore no
shoes or stockings." It seems however he has al-

ways been a most respectable character, and as his
& saving as a slave, and prudent & wise since em-
an- cipation; he has ^a limb which brings him in
something, & is anxious for the welfare of his wife &
children. ^{He asks for a family bible.} Mr. Ames is looking out a little collection
of books for him, among them he will send the Vol.
of Chambers I forward to you. Mr. Ames has
contributed some pretty ~~things~~ things to the box
will: My daughter went to the A.S. public meeting
yesterday, & reports most favorably of it. American
Slavery was the chief topic, & Mr. Ames very soon the

history of the English Ministers' "Address," & the American
"Protest" amidst enthusiastic applause, & those of ministers
joining in the expressions of approbation. - I have
no doubt the great object of Joseph Sturge & the Sec^y was to
obtain a "Resolution" expressing disapproval of immigration ^{in the W. I. Islands,}
having obtained this, (tho' I am sure few knew any thing
of the facts of the case) they could afford to interest the
audience with on the topic of Slavery in America. You
shall however have a report of the meeting.

The box is nearly packed and an enormous one
it is: one of our friends Mr. C. J. Thomas presented it, &
we hope we have collected enough at our exhibition
to pay the freight across the water: last year this
expense fell to my lot, as we had not been sufficiently
on the alert to obtain contributions. - I trust that
our Glasgow & here friends have sent us nothing for
the box; they will, I hope next year: lately they have
I know had family afflictions.

With kind remembrance from my daughter, I am
my dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully

J. B. Little

Rev. S. May