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My dear Miss Weston

We hope you will receive  
in due course of steamer the Box from  
Lark - it is small but we are sorry to say, but  
we are a poor people compared to England's  
inhabitants and where they give pounds  
we must content ourselves with shillings  
- still we might work more things than  
we do - We had hoped in addition to the  
Box for Boston, to have had one for Mr.  
Douglass, but in that also we have been  
disappointed - we have only sent him a  
small parcel enclosed in the Box for  
you which you will kindly forward to  
him by first opportunity - we are greatly  
pleased to hear that the Colored Ladies of  
New York have repeated themselves and we  
gladly aid them by sending a trifle this  
P. D. It seems to us very good to have a  
colored editor such as F. D. and we feel that  
he should be supported - you of course have

constant need of funds and are naturally  
of opinion that you can spend them to the  
best advantage otherwise you would alter your  
ways, but Frederick observes more from us than  
he has got - it shows an adherence to principle  
that pleases us, that altho' F. D. is a friend  
yet no great things and grand, sell best at  
Boston and thereby produce more money for  
the Cause, all wished that our best things  
should go where they would do most good -  
- Next year we hope in addition to send  
him a box and when now some are beginning  
to work - there is no talk of a Cole Bayard  
just now so we hope to have our next circular  
sent out next Spring - but alas, our good  
intentions often only serve as pavement for  
a certain place - We thought this year we  
could do something good - but our family  
who are most active, had fever and all were  
were all of us, constantly away the four  
months and had friends who had not been  
here for years over with us, which kept us  
occupied in an unusual way - So!  
Hope we one will work the less for all  
our expectations - We have heard no late  
complaints of the Standard - it is natural  
that Mr. Gay should put efforts which many  
perhaps could not admire and I would not



think of saying any thing to you if it had  
not exerted a bad influence on the Bazaar.  
Did you admire the tone of H. C. Wright's letter  
about Miss Bremer? I dare say some did, but  
I think it is a pity to have such letters made  
public. Meny cannot be moderate and I wish  
he was told so from his friend Estel J. - Miss B.  
seemed to take a poetical pleasure in praising  
Gen. Taylor and under the circumstances  
was it not natural? I think she will come  
right but I know by experience, one cannot  
always see things at once, as they ought to  
be seen - our ideas of right vary constantly  
on what may be considered theoretical subjects  
- but how true blame be very much, J. D.  
and to say I more blame slaveholders  
enough - when they are kind and good to  
their slaves, I cannot look on them as  
wicked men tho' I think slavery is as wrong  
as it can be - but there is a fear in some  
people's minds of altering ancient ways -  
as a class they are men who are doing wicked-  
ly, but how can a man be kindhearted  
and affectionate and also cruel and wicked  
Slavery is an awful thing and nothing can  
be said too bad for all the crimes it leads  
to - I hope you will not think I am a very

degenerate being - but I sometimes think if  
I was a native of the South with a great  
many dependent on me and that I under-  
stood to do all I could for the slaves but had  
not courage enough to venture to free them  
I would not be converted by being told  
I was wicked and sinful - I am inclined  
to think great riches are not lawful, yet  
some very rich men are very good, better  
in many ways than those who exclaim at  
their riches in swallowing up the earnings  
of the poor - But do not think I am an  
apologist for slavery, for I am not but  
on the contrary, I think there are many men  
who lead useful lives in their countries and  
even forward all schemes for the advance-  
ment of mankind, who have the love of  
power so strong within them, that if they  
were at the South, would make tyrannical  
slaveholders - irresponsible power is an awful  
thing. The fugitive slave bill has had an  
effect, I dare say, little apprehended by  
those who brought it forward - even if  
it had not been retrospective, my brother  
remarked, there would not have been so  
much said about it - there is much to  
be learned from it, for no one seems to



Think it can be allowed long. There  
is such an outcry against it - it is  
very awful as it is and at times  
you must all feel very angry  
and indignant - There is a list  
given of the Cobbebooks to the  
Bayard, but if you have not  
room in your Gazette, do not  
mind publishing the names as we  
intend to do so in our next cir-  
cular in hopes thereby of increasing  
the list. Mind we do not expect  
any Liberty Bells indeed we feel  
scruples against receiving even one  
- and shall all be glad if you do  
not send them until next year when  
more things will be sent we hope.  
We have only put a list of the  
articles in the box marked for  
the Custom House at about a third  
of the prices we wish you to put  
for them - We shall pay all the  
expence on G. D's parcel - The Dublin  
things which go in our box, were  
sent us by Richard Webb.

My aunts have not seen your

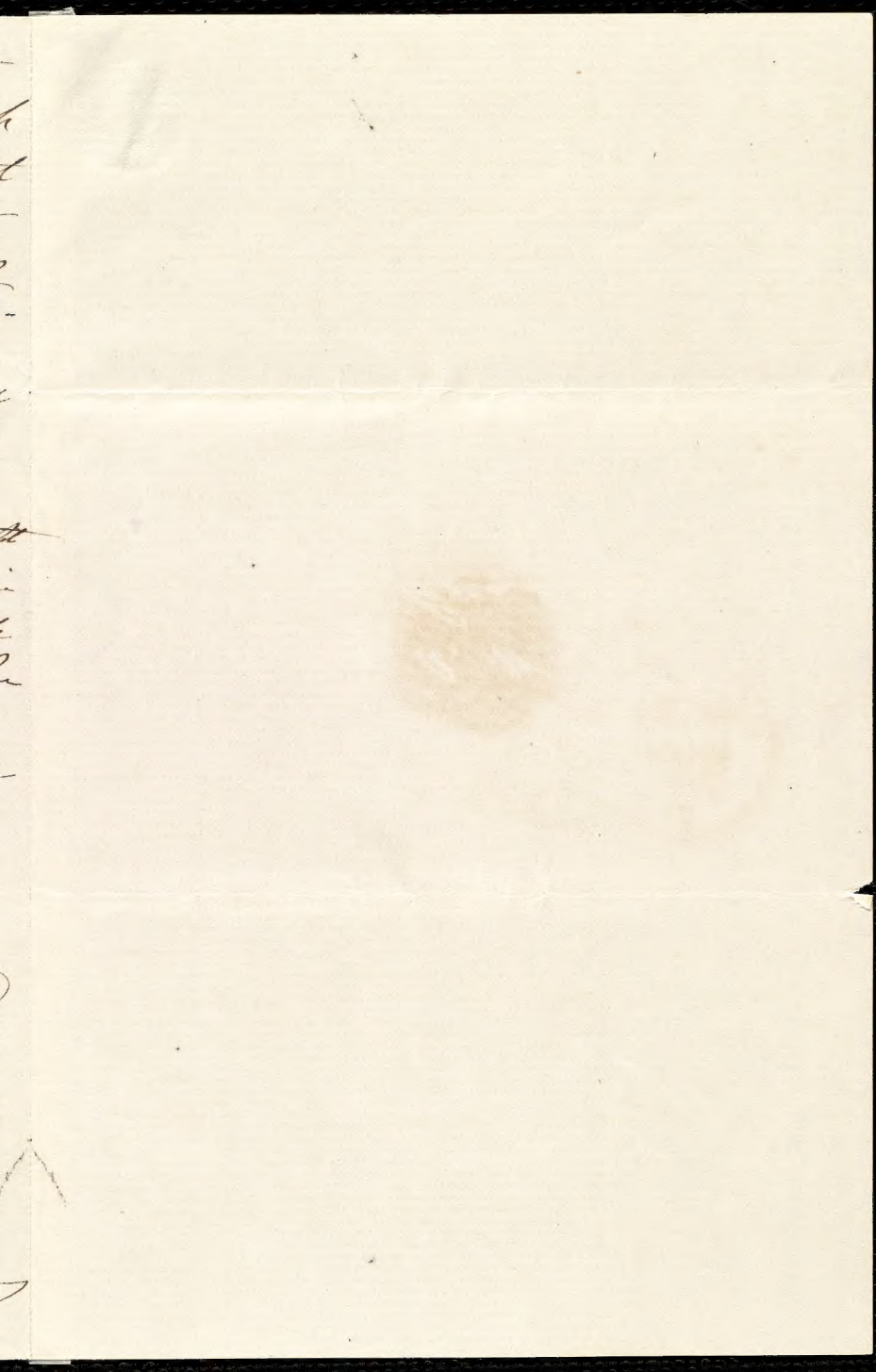
friends for a long time - in fact  
we do not wonder for there are such  
a number of subjects which interest  
Mrs C that would be Greek to our  
aunts. They were greatly struck by  
the beauty of several of your family -  
Mrs C. and one of her daughters es-  
pecially - We see that Henry Prof  
Brown has had to leave in great  
haste - I suppose M. C. W. is now  
quite sorry P. D.'s freedom was bought  
and if we did not consider him  
in the case, his being taken back  
again would do a bad deal for  
the cause - but the hearts of his  
friends would bleed for him and  
so I cannot say I am sorry -

And now with the best wishes  
of all the Anti-Slavery friends  
to whom their little efforts are  
considered as child's play compared  
to yours for one day.

I remain yours very truly

Isabel Jennings  
Friend and Co. Secretary





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