

- Park St. Bristol May 14. 1850
Tuesday

My dear Mr Chapman,

We had been calculating so much on receiving some tidings of you by Mr Bucknall that it was no small disappointment to find he had returned without any letter or parcel for us; I as it is not impossible that some mistake may have occurred respecting his address or his time of departure, I ~~think~~ you may have sent some note or message which he never reached him; I will not ~~delay~~ ^{lose} any more posts in telling you we are still looking out with anxiety for information respecting your summer plans, which will have considerable influence on our own. I believe we both told you in our respective letters, that we are very desirous of embracing this opportunity while so many American friends are assembled in Paris, for becoming personally acquainted with them, but that the rumors of some, if not all, the party meditating a

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tour in Switzerland leaves us in doubt
when or how the meeting is to be effected,
Miss H. Martineau informs us that Mr Follen
purposes leaving Paris next month, but
does not tell us what part of it, or for how
long. May I trouble you therefore to send
us a line as soon after receiving this as
is practicable just to answer these questions.
We are going to London the end of this week
to attend some religious anniversary
meetings, but we shall decide nothing respect-
ing the length of our stay there till we
have heard from you. An immediate
answer will find us at home; on Monday
next we expect our address to be "22 Cecil Street
the same house in which Mr W. W. Brown Strand
lodges & which Mr Webb & other mutual friends London
frequent. I believe it is the same at which
Mr Garrison stayed in 1846, which will make
it full of interesting associations to us. To day's
post has brought us one of Mr S. May's nice
instructive letters. He treats Mr D. Webster's
speech & its consequences on public sentiment

in the North so luminously that many
people who don't take the trouble to read
the A. S. papers will find the question
intelligible. We are pleased to learn from
the same letter that he has another little
daughter.

A short letter my father wrote
to the Morning Chronicle respecting the liability
of the colored seaman to be sold into slavery
has been inserted into numerous
papers, & will necessarily set people thinking.

I was amused last week on visiting an
Uncle who resides about 40 miles from
here, & who is extensively engaged in business,

to learn
that the vessel in which "Powers" was, belonged
to him, ^{keep in touch with Bagshot.} that is the company, & that they
paid the jail fees. The inconvenience

of being unable to send the ship again to the
same port is more serious to them wth
the payment of the money, but he assures
me of their readiness to put up with both
most gladly if it can tend to the benefit
of the slave.

Believe me, (in haste) with my Father's kind
regards, very truly yours
Mary Estlin.



J. B. Estlin
May 14, 1850

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