

Bristol, May 26. 1857

My dear Mrs. Chapman.

I am rather unwilling to
break in upon the many engage-
ments with which I know you
to be now pressed; and perhaps
you will think, that as I am
not yet able to get a holiday from
the work in which I have been
rather busily employed for the last
3 or 4 months, I am less inclined
to allow you freedom from what
have been the toils of so many years
of your life? But I am very de-
sirous of obtaining from you, if
not very inconvenient, (and in
as few words as you please) a
sketch of the history of the "American

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Foreign A. S.
Society," from the ~~beginning~~ ^{beginning} of the separation
in 1840 to the present time, -- so far
at least as to show to what extent
it has been laboring, (& especially
to what degree it is now laboring)
in the Anti-Slavery cause.

The reason of any inquiry will be
best explained by the newspaper
series of slips which I will inclose.

My opponent Mr. Young, (I may
call him my friend as he drank
tea with us last Saturday to meet
the craft) has undergone an influ-
ence that may be correctly termed
Scobleism, & is fully possessed with
the belief that the "Am. & For. A.
S. Soc." is an efficient instru-
mentality, & that I have greatly

worried it. Until the last week, I believe his Anti Slavery reading has been exclusively confined to the "A. S. Reporter". He is I think, a thoughtful & honest man, & ~~beside~~ the scolding he has been subjected to has not made him a hater of Garrison. His last prolix letter I do not mean to answer: not ten people wd read such an answer as would take up ~~the~~ all the points on which he has made most gratuitous assertions.

I am however looking forward to the contest that has long been imminent, with the W. S. J. C. S. S. & one which I think they shrink from.

I know ^{that} some who have been sadly
prejudiced, are beginning to open their
eyes to the shameful injustice, sys-
tematically perpetrated for years
against Mr. Garrison - by Jos.

Sturge & John Scoble. Brown &
the Crafts are helping in their change
of opinion by the faithful & judi-
cious testimony they bear to the
course of Mr. G. whenever a favorable
opportunity presents itself.

I have marked the news-
paper articles in the order for
you to read them.

No. 1 contains the remarks I
made at the large A. S. Meeting,
which called for the Mr. Young's
censure; No. 2 - the said censure.

2/ No. 3 In my notice of Mr. May's
letter, I had his rejoinder: the
letter I send ⁱⁿ ~~with~~ the newspaper,
as it contains an extract from a
letter of Mr. May's to me about
him. No. 3 (my letter to the
Examiner) I do not want again,
as I have had a good many struck
off for circulation; the others I ^{keep} ~~have~~.

I have little time now to
write upon other subjects tho' I
should like to tell you many
things. We are trying to get
up a little committee in the "B. &
F. Unit" "Coff" - at least to
get the subject of Slavery mentioned
- even tho' it however is uncertain,
but several "wars" are in the fire.

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We have been holding long con-
sultations with the Crafts about
future plans. Our friends are
afraid that we are about to do them
some mysterious mischief: it is
rather hard, as all experience proves,
to do ones' duty & please every
body; but as we have no ill will
to the C^o or to the A. S. Cause,
and have more the means of advising
for them (from our knowledge of their
wishes & circumstances) than
any other of their English friends,
I hope our errors in judgment,
will not prove very serious.
The little money Crafts has
made in England is has given

him a share in Brown's painting;
this rather complicates their im-
mediate arrangements.

We are contemplating a visit
to London at the end of next week,
but neither Mary nor I are
very competent to a campaign
there. We shall then however
I hope be able to talk about the
Cross, for their are ultimate plans
we are by no means competent to
advise on, without help from their
American friends.

They held meeting last week
at Gloucester & Cheltenham;
to night & to-morrow they will

be at Bath. Croft & Mann then
held a meeting at Reading, & so
to London on Saturday. Ellen returns
to us from Bath, & joins her beau-
tiful in London when he has got
a comfortable lodging for her. Probably
she will go up with Mary, Mrs.
Mitchell & myself.

Our house has been the place of
rendezvous of the trio during the
course of their holidy meetings
in this part of the island, & we have
made the best use of them & the cause, of the time
with our kindest regards to all
your party, I am very dear

Mrs. Chapman

Sincerely Yours

J. P. Estlin

I send a Patriot

to amuse you. Please to return it
when quite done with - Post Mr. Chickering