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My dear Mr. Garrison,

Your note is full
of kindness. I am
doing the best I can
with the paper —

compelled (as you
may not know) to
sell most of my

Counsel outside the office,
since Dr. Leavitt and
myself, while we are
personally good friends,
have almost no per:
sonal sympathies for
each other, and only a
partial acquaintance
concerning concerning
personal affairs.

I have shrunk at

Gen. Banks this week -
I hope not indiscreetly.
I mean to state, also,
at Gen. Halleck. I have
several other projects
of attack in my mind.
It is in these particulars
- putting the paper in
an aggressive attitude
against persons - that
I feel most need of

adding to my own a
wiser man's opinion. If
I find myself clouded
on any point this
Summer, I propose to
run to Boston to see
you and Mr. Phillips,
& run back by the week
train. There are some
people who do very well
by elbow who would

like to see me fail
this summer. You therefore
see the position in which
I am placed, and the
need which I shall
have of your thirty
years' experience. I
am a baby in the cause,
suddenly set to do a
man's work. Mr. Phelps
promises that when a

Suggestion occurs to him
he will let me have
it. I should not feel
like troubling either of
you if it were a matter
for me personally, but it
is a matter of importance
for Freedom that he
Independent be wise and
brave, & make no failure.
Yours ever,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison