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right on this subject when you write to us on the
liberty of man & woman & slaves for Montpelie
humanity all the world) Edinr. Nov. 17th 1846.

My Dear Mrs Chapman

With great pleasure

I wish to say that the Glasgow Females
Anti Slavery Society have again sent
off their boxes of Ladies Works for your
Bazaar. The enclosed list gives you a
knowledge of the contents as well as the
prices, as we gave on former occasions, we
say still that you must regulate the
prices to suit your Market we would
like to know at your convenience how
the articles sell & if the prices marked
on any thing like the prices you
obtain, there were some provide sent to
us which we did not pick up liberty to
keep back, still they were sent with
reluctance, knowing as we do that you
do not care for them, although we tell
our contributors this they do not seem to
mind it, as we would wish. There are also
a quantity of portraits in our box which
was sent out for the Fair box & they

enveloped them in ours, but we were not
sure about them, as they are Free
Church Ministers & some others, who
were real enemies to abolition, we only
enveloped them to accommodate the Engd.
Ladies so you will understand they are
not from us. we have a great battle
to fight here now, & we are fully determined
to gird on our armor, & never yield one
inch of vantage ground to the enemy. These
clergy, they are the greatest enemies, & no
cause has to contend with, however we
don't fear them a bit. Our hearts have
been refreshed & gladdened by the visit
of that noble man Garrison, in the strength
of it we shall go for many days to come.
H C Wright & Douglass are left behind to
work with us & truly there is much for
them to do & suffer, but they are able for
it all. The Octagonians report that they are
circulating against these valuable advocates
as well as Garrison, Thompson & I are just
so many tools to prove the sincerity of
their friends. It is a glorious battle, we are
neither ashamed nor afraid of it, success is
sure & that I think before long.

Some of us have been very much grieved
at Anna Richardson getting that money
collected at the Northwest Frederick Douglass
Society, we feel it a compromise of
principle in thus recognizing the right
the slaveholder had to sell him & many
of us who are the warmest friends the
slave has, both here & in Glasgow take
no part in it, from real principle, it
has grieved us exceedingly. However we are
now collecting a little for Frederick himself
into which we can heartily enter. There
is a ladies society lately formed at Ulster
in Ireland, who are advertising themselves
as willing to take contributions for both
your society & Liberty Party. This has
been another source of grief to us, that
there should be Anti Slavery friends in
this country so truly ignorant of the
right position of the question as to
enter into a Liberty Party. I wrote the
Secretary on the subject, she has answered
not at all in a satisfactory way. They
evidently pretend to know a great deal
whilst they are evidently very ignorant of

the utter inability of that Party to do
any thing for the Slave, I don't know
whether we will think it worth while
to correspond with them on the subject
or not, as the position they have assumed
is not likely to do much either way;
if we thought they would do no mischief we
would let them alone for any good they
will do.

You will see by the date of
this letter that I happen still to be living
in Edinr. but retaining my position with
the Glasgow Society. The Edinr. Society
is now so much akin to the Glasgow's
one, that I am well with them too.
I feel it a great pleasure to be able to
lend a helping hand to both, this is but
a short note, I always hope to do better
but like yourself, we are ^{over} head & ears with
work, at all times. You will be delighted
I am sure with the letter from the women
of Edinr. the remaining sheet with the
signatures obtained after the letter left
in the Edinr. box, are in this box, which
you & Mr Garrison will be kind enough to
add to the letter. We feel anxious to know the
Mr Garrison is supported on behalf of the cause
it would be both our duty & pleasure to add in this
way if necessary would you say what you think right