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My Dear Mrs Chapman

I have taken the liberty to write you on behalf of our society, & the common sense which is dear to us all, requesting that you would do us the favour to send us some of your Antislavery books which would be exceedingly useful here in lending about, there is a greater desire amongst people now, to understand this subject than has ever been, and we often feel a want of those books which are not to be had in this country on the subject. We would like to know what they cost you & shall return to you the money if you only give us an idea of the amount. I think the best way will be to address them to the care

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of "Andrew Paton 16 Richmond Street
Glasgow." We have enclosed a List of
some, & you can just do in the matter
as seems to you best. I have been thinking
much of you this last week, what a busy
time you have had, although absent in
person, many many, of us have been with
you in spirit, we trust to hear soon
good accounts of your labours, it was a
source of no small comfort & satisfaction
to us all here & in Glasgow to learn that
our faithful & beloved Zerrisen has
reached his home & his family in perfect
safety, what a comfort it was to have seen
his face & heard his voice in those trying
times, "when the enemy is coming in like a flood
but the Lord is lifting up a standard against
him". He that is on the side of the oppressed
& his advocates, is greater fear than all
that can be against them, yes we shall
go in the strength of what we have heard
for many days to come, We have had a few
of gods faithful servants amongst us, it is but
a rare thing to meet with such in these

troublesome times, they have left a scourge
behind them, which cannot fail to have
a powerful effect for all time coming, "God
has had his witnesses in every age & will
have them to the end, they are here and pass
between, how degrading to hold converse with
such, they are green spots in a dreary
wilderness. Every day I live makes me feel
the increase & importance & responsibility
of the anti-slavery question, & every year
that rolls round quickens my determination
to do all I can for it. I am sorry that
Garrison's Ten service, should have cost
him so much for duty, surely it was an
unreasonable charge. We have a little
controversy just now with Maria White
of Belfast, (she seems a Liberty Party woman),
it commenced in the following way, some
few months ago the Belfast Ladies A.S. Society
of which she is secretary issued a
circular advocating the claims of both
the American Anti-slavery Society & Liberty
Party & proposing to take contributions for
both, a copy of this circular came to the
Committee here & also to Glasgow one, I felt

quite gratified to see any society occupying
such a position, spoke to the friends at
Glasgow about it, They authorized me to
write her on the subject, I did so, briefly,
expressing our views against Liberty Party
without enlarging much, or illustrating
fully all we said, she answered by a very
long & laborious letter doing all she would to
justify the Party, he goes very slowly where
she failed to make ^{good} sense; but we just thought
it was unnecessary to have more to do with her
on the subject of so left it as we thought, but
to our astonishment a few weeks ^{after} we received a
printed circular containing my letter and
her reply, printed without our knowledge,
evidently taking advantage of some expressions
used in mine against the Pro Slavery Church
& Clergy, which we would not retract but only
had we anticipated its publication, would have
explained ourselves more fully to prevent
misapprehension, we have now done so in
a short letter which we have written her
& request her to publish & circulate it where
she sent the other, If she refuse to do so we
shall print it & circulate ourselves, however
we are just now waiting for answer, & when we
have the correspondence all before us, we
shall send it to you, as you will feel interest
in it I know. Hoping to hear from you soon & with
kindest regards believe me faithfully yours for
Humanity, Mary Webb

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