

Bristol, Wednesday Eve
April 15 - 1816.

My dear Sir.

I was about to sit down to write
you a line when your letter of the 31st March
was brought in to me. That of Feb. 26th
sent by the packet to Liverpool with the
pamphlets & reports, for which I thank you,
came on Saturday last, so that all your
letters have arrived - Let me say that the
facilities for sending parcels throughout
England are as great as those for forwarding
letters, so numerous & rapid are our rail-
ways. I believe you understand that parcels
are not to be sent by the P. Office without an
enormous charge. Your packet the other
day forwarded by the Monthly ^{sailing} Packet, came
at once by railway. - It would not be amiss
to write in the corner of such parcels,
"By railway."

I had resolved not to inflict a long
letter on you at present, but wished to write
to say, that inquiries are often made
having been during the winter months

was packed perhaps a month ago
and it is now in the hands of the
letter would go in the 10th

I forwarded a communication
to you on the 2nd of this month, by
Steam ship, and inclosed a check for £5
as a donation to the funds of the Mass.

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and now let me thank you for your
letter, two last letters: they were very
welcome. My daughter was much
pleased with your little girl's note, & begs
her love to her new correspondent.

Thank you for Mrs. Allen's note: it
is perfectly legible. You write such
an enviable hand that I marvel not
at you fearing that the writing of others
is not easily deciphered, nor is it, when
compared with yours. I had always,
latterly at any rate, a suspicion that Miss
Monticelli was under some misappre-
hension.

I am very glad to hear that you have
written to the "Inquirer," & shall cheerfully
forward the article to Mr. Hicks. I am sure
it is a particularly favorable opportunity for
a letter from you not anonymous.

I am proposing going to Freetown next week
(where I had first the pleasure of seeing you)
to attend the meeting of "Western Christian
Union," a Society originated at the time
you were at Freetown: it is probable I
shall there see the Freetown "Laws of Justice
& Charity." "Unions" is a Mr. Frank
Boult Boult of Liverpool, a distant
relative of Mr. Hicks's, & I know, a very
trouble correspondent to him as Editor
of the Inquirer. The Inquirer is every
body supported: and none but Unitarians
take it; and they ~~sure~~ do not do their duty
by it. Its circulation does not reach
1,000 weekly. Mr. H's circulation ~~is~~
one very narrow, he gets a more ~~large~~
by his labours, not £80 a year ~~probably~~
for many hours of daily work at
the paper. We need not then wonder
if his other work is - The Unitarian
body is greatly indebted to him. The
Ed: however of the Christian Reformer,
is opposed to it, & the ministers in the

Deaths of England, Messrs. Monticelli & Co do
not form the public's view, as I think
they ought.

Do not expect much from my pen:
Whet. Your abolitionism is too strong
Lacking food for the unaccustomed palate
of us English people, particularly for
those who have had no taste of it.
You will think me negligent of your conduct
in not naming individuals: but it would
do harm to hold up the particular persons
in the original Am. Soc. to disrepute.
The A. S. Fr. Anti Slavery Soc. in London
this noble & strong, have much influence
with the general, and a Liberty Party
would easily be started here if much
effort were made to bring prominently
forward the opposing Soc. in America.
You ^{will} discern in the Reporter I sent you
last week the proposal for a fair for
the Liberty Party in Philadelphia.
If this be proposed in Britain, our
policy will be to make no opposition
to it, but let people work for it, if they
can be found. I am quite certain this

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Friends of the Boston Fair are too numerous to be beaten -
I hope to have my tract in the printers' hands in a day or
two, its length will be about that of Chambers's. Mr. Webb
of Dublin has seen the M.S. and thinks it will do. He is as out
of a Garrisonian Abolitionist as any in Boston.

Daupless's arrival in Bristol seems as distant as ever: he is
I believe greatly enjoyed there, ^{in fact} but I hear more of his proceedings
from the Liberator than from any other source.

You have said or done nothing with regard to me & communi-
cations that I could object to. We do not like to have private com-
munications made public with our names to them: the
statements of "English friends" or "correspondents" cannot be
objectionable. I think a great favour is prevailed ^{working} in
in newspapers in person's person in the case with you.

It is not my intention to put my name to the "Miss Police
of American Slavery & the Abolition Movement", because
the public would not think I could know much about American
Slavery, and in this vicinity, (for which its circulation
is chiefly intended,) my Unitarian reputation would
indispose the "dear old friends" to read it.

You have not told me what our newspapers cost you?
It did not appear to me wise or safe to say anything to hear
Joy about his note and Mr. Garrison's comment in the
Liberator.

Daupless must ^{his reply to Mr. C. I think you is excellent} see Mr. Au Cdi's denials of his statements
in the Liberator for Feb. 20th. You have not perhaps seen
Mr. Webber's 2^d Edition of the "Narrative" with the alterations I sug-
gested, ^{at 4.62} and the first Dublin edition was an engraving of it
taken by a lady, & very pleasant as a counterpane: of its length
I cannot judge. Mr. Webb tells me D. was offended with it; and

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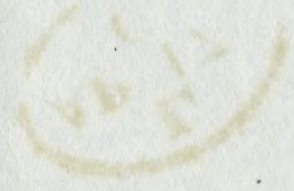
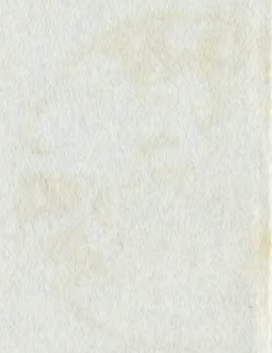
had an engraving copied from that in the Boston edition, and
prefixed to the 2^d Dublin edition. This is a most scientific
looking, unpropagandizing picture, a ~~real~~ ^{most} prejudice
people against the original. I am sometimes afraid D.
will wear himself out in Scotland. I hope he will not be

spoiled by ^{the} attention shown him in Gt. Britain?
Joseph Bowker was here yesterday. The night before, he spoke
at our annual conference at ten meeting, and describing classes
of persons who were employed in mischievous, instead of useful
agents; he spoke of distillers, & others, and among them of man
at Sheffield who manufactured for the American market
Bowie knives, with "Death to Abolitionists" stamped on them.
Bowker is to preach in the evening at Jamaica on Tuesday next
at the meeting I have referred to. Money has been raised
enough to purchase a steam boat for Lewis. I presume
you have heard of him thro' the Register, an able man formerly
a Methodist Minister, now a powerful pleader for Abolitionism,
with a few sketches of his own.
All the information you send me on political and
other matters, is very acceptable to me. I do not now
refer to them in particular.

I wish I had asked you a few questions on what I want information.
One was, what is the supposed, - the guessed at number of slaves actually
escaping yearly to Canada & the N. States? Hays says
1 in 30 of the present generation have tried to run away but unavail-
ingly.

Should you see Mrs Chapman please to thank her for letter
to me of Feb^r which reached me on the 6th or 7th of this
month. I wrote to her by the 3rd March Steam Packet. Believe
me very dear Sir, Most truly Yours J. P. Estlin

Is my mode of addressing you the best, "Lieber"?



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