

35 Eccles St. Dublin

2nd July 1846

My dear Sir

I afford me the sincerest pleasure  
to be made the medium for transmitting to you, &  
through you, to your Unitarian friend in your land,  
the accompanying Address. Will you kindly take such  
measures as you deem necessary to enable its contents  
generally known? I find you have printed your admir-  
able Protest in pamphlet form. I thank you for sending  
me a copy of it. I also one for Rev. Dr Drummond &  
Rev. Mr. Allen. They reached me a few days ago, through some  
unknown channel. I have also to thank you for an  
insertion in the Liberator, which assures me that I am not  
forgotten by you. I have reciprocated kindness with you  
in the same way, & for a similar purpose, to let you know  
that your short visit to us lived in our remembrance.  
I also remember me kindly to your brother Frederick.  
By the Liberator & Standard, I get regular accounts,

printing - success at the York & Oxford - Kilkenny  
 millions of money & success of the cause in the general  
 amongst the Unitarian friends of the cause at  
 that time the water - that I have the friends of the cause with the things  
 enough to transmit another faithful copy of the same to  
 The Rev. Geo. Armstrong requested me to send you his kind  
 regards from myself & I have done so  
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of the progress of the Anti-slavery agitation among you,  
& through the same medium you learn a little of our  
labors in the cause; we can do but little to help you onward,  
in your great work, but it is very pleasant to be associated  
with you in your labors, to be replenishing our spirits at  
the same fountain from which you drink. I hope the  
Address I now send you will serve to cheer you that  
we sympathize deeply with you in your noble exertions to  
free the world from slavery. It is deeply to be regretted  
that the names you have given me at the end of your  
pamphlet are not affixed to your Protest, & it is a sad  
reflection to feel that some of your most enlightened  
minds are black as midnight on a question so vital to  
the best interests of humanity; but so it is too with us, the  
Pro-slavery feeling exists in these lands still, & exhibits  
itself in many forms. It is my impression that, when you  
shake off Slavery, that America will soon be Liberty's  
guiding star over the earth. You are less shackled by  
bad habits than we Europeans are. a wider spread of

is your Liberator & Protest in their columns



education, & a greater spirit of fearless enquiry dwell,  
among you than with us, so that fewer impediments on  
the road of advancement, impede your footsteps than ours.

I am happy to say that the Temperance reformation  
continues to shed its blessings among our people. Our  
working classes are very enthusiastic in this good cause,  
surprisingly so, when we consider the small amount of  
assistance they receive from persons of station in society.

I expect the feeling in opposition to Capital punishment  
increases, & that, at no distant day, this relic of barbarism  
will be blotted from our Statute Book. Truly, strangling our  
fellow men is a disgrace to the age.

The friends of Peace among us are a weak body, but  
we are alive, & I hope doing some good. Show no patience  
with men who can talk coolly of a War with you, & of  
blowing up your cities with as much melancholy  
as if such work were a pleasant pastime. Truly  
the war spirit begets hatred, which lasts for many



to Christianity than to take in a way that would have been designed to stir up the bad  
blood in two nations which however, virtuous, wise, & enlightened they may be, un-  
questionably contain ~~more~~ a much greater proportion of fools than Solomon. I  
enclose a leaf for 2 lines which you will oblige me by putting into the post. Long  
life to you. I remember you with cordial affection & respect. I expect  
they to think that in the United States there is a hopeful, earnest, persevering  
band of men & women ever faithful to the best interests of their country & of human-  
ity, unswerving in their gloom & discouragement. Yours truly Rich<sup>d</sup> Stodd

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When Burke made his celebrated electioneering speech at Bristol, his Unrepresentative who  
had not so much brains, found his brains and his tongue very further trouble, by saying at  
the conclusion of this great orator's speech, "I say ditto to Mr Burke". So, I say ditto to Mr  
Haughton. Except that I think that what he calls Proslavery is not precisely such but rather  
ignorance mixed up with an unscrupulous insouciance which makes people indifferent to  
any effort which places the rights of humanity, foremost amongst its notions. As to the  
Party here, I apprehend it is very much compared to the proportion of swarming fools who  
would fire on Burke on every inch of the water. I have not seen L. L. Adams' Breathing Speech about  
Oregon - but I was sorry to hear of it. I thought he had more discretion & greater pretensions