

Private

From ~~William~~^{General} ~~Tatton~~: (Incomplete.)

Mr Wm Lloyd Garrison

Glasgow 4 March 1853

Boston U.S. My dear Sir

It is a considerable time since
I had the pleasure of writing you. I do so at present
in relation to Mrs H. B. Stowe's proposed visit to
Scotland. You are I daresay aware that soon after
since the new Anti-Slavery Society in Glasgow sent her
an invitation, written on their behalf by Rev Dr Wardlaw,
to visit Britain, especially themselves in Glasgow, they
bearing all expenses of her visit in testimony of their
approval & gratitude to her as the authoress of "Uncle
Tom's Cabin"; & that they might have the opportunity
of personal conference with her to learn what she
considered the most effective way in which they could
best themselves for the abolition of American Slavery,
with whom they should cooperate in the U.S.

You are also aware that the originating

chief object of these parties who started & directed the movements of these new A.S. Societies here, is the desire to withdraw Co-operation & assistance from the old American A.S. Society, especially from the Boston annual A.S. Bazaar - on the ground of the infidelity of the leading members of the Amer. A.S. Society especially of yourself as manifested in the Liberator &c - now these parties whose bitter hostility time seems to increase, instead of lessening, I have no doubt intend to make the most of Mrs. Stowe to further their views - they will not probably ~~forget~~^{absolutely} inform ~~her~~^{* her} of the ideas that animate them in regard to yourself & the Amer A.S. Society; that they wish the sanction of her name to enable them to make the British public believe that by aiding the New York Vigilance Committee or the Amer Foreign A.S. Socy (Tappan) they will be effectually a Christian

way adopting the best means of abolishing Slavery
whilst to countenance & assist the Am. A.S. & the
Boston Spy or to aid infidelity as much or a
great deal more than to abolish Slavery.

It has occurred to me that it is proper to
make known to Mrs. Storrs before she leaves America
the position of these new A.S. Societies here who have
invited ^{her} also of the old Glasgow Female A.S. —
perhaps this may be best done by putting into her hands
the Statement issued by the new Society on its formation
with the replies thereto of Mrs. Chapman & S. D. Estlin
with the report of the old G.W. Female A.S. of Jan'y 1857
all of which I have sent to your address by the steamer
which I once thank you to have forwarded to Mrs. Storrs.—
could one of the Boston friends who understand the position
of parties call on Mrs. S. with them have an interview
with her, it might be useful to insure her perusal of
them. I observe from our newspapers this week, that
Mrs. Storrs has accepted the offer of a free passage from
the owners of the screw steamer "Glasgow" which is adver-
tised

to sail from New York for Glasgow on the 26th inst, Mr. Comely
Brankhall who was again in Glasgow this week, says that he
understands that Mrs. Stowe intends to visit Paris & has
accepted an invitation to be the guest of Mrs. Chapman there,
Mr. H's letter will therefore likely reach with Mrs. S. - could
Miss A. W. Weston have sufficient convenience to call on Mrs. S.
with the pamphlet & converse with her it might be of service.
~~If~~ In the present state of feeling regarding ~~Abt.~~^{sl.} in Britain
it would be of most essential service could she be induced
to recommend the Am^r A.S. Socy & particularly the Bazaar
Bazaar as an efficient A.S. instrumentality, by contributing
to which, British ladies could essentially benefit the cause
I think every legitimate effort should be made with her
on the leave America to induce her to see it to be her duty
to do this - her inveterate wish the very reverse I am certain
intend to employ her as an instrument to destroy your
influence in Britain & to injure the Bazaar contributions
endeavours to turn British interest & sympathy entirely
away from you & into other channels - now should she
ever keep silence & ignore the Am^r Socy & the Bazaar &
~~recommend~~ saying nothing of it, recommend other objects,