

Leicester, March 25. 1841.

My dear Sir,

I received your kind note, with references respecting the subject of Capital Punishment, yesterday, by the hands of my Father, who, having some business at Worcester, made us a short visit. - I thank you for your note, and have no doubt I shall find the references very useful.

It will be a high satisfaction to me to have a book that was your Father's, and I thank you for your purpose of sending me one. And I thank you, too, for your thoughtfulness about that pipe. It will be "a remembrance" of a very pleasant time - the last I saw him alive. I couldn't have believed, at that time, that in one month (unless by some accident) he would have ceased to be among us. This would have been, I think, his 81st birth day.

We had a very good & encouraging meeting, last week, of our County Anti-Slavery Society. They were much gratified at learning of your proposed visit here, and labor amongst us in the Anti-Slavery field. I

know you must be considerably occupied, just now. But I sincerely trust that you will not be prevented from accomplishing your purpose. We find ~~some~~ difficulty in getting the right men to enter the field. I have tried quite hard to get Adin Ballou to take hold with us, and he would like to, I really believe, - but his Parish, his Newspaper, & his new Community appear to occupy all his time, and he fears, he says, that he may "get" too many irons into the fire." - He would be a capital man to promote our cause just now, - or at any time, indeed. I hope, & shall hope, that he will do something for us in the course of the season. -

You spoke of coming in April. Of course, in that matter, we should feel bound to conform to your arrangements. I wish, however, I might have some days' ^{previous} notice of your coming, and how long you could stay, that I might make arrangements for your lectures.

With love to Cousin Lucretia, I am
Your affectionate Cousin & Friend

Sam^l May