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My very dear Friend, I feel that
we must tell you how earnestly
our thoughts are with you
now in this period of deep
baptism of your country - a
period when the hearts of
men might tremble and they
not find refuge, as you have
written down, in the strong
tower "that the Lord God
manifestly reigneth." We
are exceedingly anxious that
you should maintain your
height above all the lower
elements that are brought into
the conflict. Your position has
hitherto been impregnable, because
your conflict has been waged
in implicit trust on the
almighty arm - You have

not trusted to carnal weapons -
but have discouraged their
use & have prosecuted the
moral warfare which has been
so mighty - we consider
that your non-resistant principle
which in its depth & value
as well as its spirit is sublime,
has been one great means of
your wonderful power & stand
when assailed so bitterly
on every side - & of your remarkable
success - You have roused & kept
awake the whole nation, &
although the North has been
so false to liberty taking it
as a whole - still you have
bid the heaven & it has
worked & will work - and you
have upheld the Standard -
do not now let it droop to

But those who take the
carnal weapons - in the hands
of those who trust to them it
would get sullied & it would
be hard to raise it up again.

We are very sorry to read
Wendell Phillips' speech
& the tone of some of the
Standard's articles takes
his ground. They seem to
confound the North with
freedom & the preservation
of the Union with emancipation,
for, as far as we can judge,
from this distance, as yet
the slave has no place in
the thoughts of the thousands
who, in the heat of novelty
& imagined patriotism ^{of the movement}
volunteer to go forth
to fight, let the South

Should gain the supremacy
& let the freedom of the North
Should be infringed - We have
thought the North too much
the guilty accomplice of the
South & are much for
freedom in its noblest sense,
what they have always bought
our dirty trade in the
purchasing of the ^{property of the} slave, & to
sustain this liberty they have
made cowardly & base concessions
after conception, & it is only
now that they are afraid they
will suffer that they are willing
to give flight - we very few
of the war speakers & sermons
is there one word for the
slave & the captives of your
armies turn aside to suppress
slave insurrections! Slave
insurrection is therefore to be

given to these northern
warriors - I was a little
surprised to see even they
(in a letter of G. Thompson
which he kindly sent us to
read) giving the North credit
to a far greater extent than
we could see justified. -

Certainly we may hope that
this mighty shaking, this
disturbing the lethargy will
open the eyes & show the
North the fearful character
of the Union which has hinged
so closely - & that that these
eyes may see the slave in
his sorrow & the hearts may
be touched so that his cause
may virtually be recognized
& sustained. - I certainly we
earnestly believe that all these
things will hasten the hour of

redemption - We may as
G. K. W. says in his admirable
letter in a recent Liberator be
"Content D" Stand Still for the
Salvation of God" - but oh!
I earnestly hope that you
will stand on the watch
tower pure & above the array
of sword & thine lower, carnal
weapons, & that sword which
is the natural introduction
to the destruction of him
who takes it - oh! keep the
noble Abolition enterprise above
such things - stand for the
as you have ever done relying
implicitly on the arm of God -
"Some trust in chariots & some
in horsemen, but we will
trust in the name of the
Lord our God, they are cast down
& fallen, but we are risen & stand
upright." - Your struggle may

be harder than ever, & stand still
on thisantage ground, but
oh! do not leave it - our sympathies
earnest desires for your
preservation & that of our dear
Cause, are constantly with
you & may God bless it & you!
I hold you up till the crown
of victory to those who have
been able to stand in the
evil day - shall be yours...

We read the papers with
earnest interest & think of our
dear American friends with
love more solicitude & affection
than at any previous part of
the conflict you have been
privileged to wage & in which
we have been privileged to
look on & sympathize. With those
give my father's & mother's love
& mine to thy wife & family & accept
them thyself & give our love
to Dr Parker Pillsbury whom you

see him. we are always intended
in him this letter - I do very
kind, dear friend J. May Jr.
I do all the other friends who
know us & believe me

my dear friend

Thine very affectionately
Elihu Wigham

How wouldst be grieved should
that G. Ritchie of this city have
left us - he died two weeks ago
nearly eighty years of age, a
truly consistent friend to the
Slave, one never failing -
he watched your course earnestly
I was always fully cognizant
of the latent wants & signs of
the times & had always wise
& instructive comments to
make; - I am glad thou mentioned
him in one of thy recent letters - I
felt it when he quite enjoyed
being held in thy remembrance