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The President has finally been obliged to proclaim  
 Emancipation - would that it could have  
 been stronger and immediate - Inail like  
 the cause is progressing - but I think surely -  
 How much freer the People breathe even with  
 this little puff of freedom - if this little breeze  
 moves the Ship of State in the right direction -  
 then let Old Boreas with all the other gods  
 blow with all their might so that she  
 may the more quickly reach the Land of  
 Liberty - Mr Potter preached an excellent  
 sermon Sunday - taking of course the true  
 Abolition doctrine - I am glad the People  
 receive the message so cordially, because I  
 think it will inspire Uncle Abraham -  
 One great difficulty that had to be overcome  
 was the pro Slavery feeling of the Army - but  
 they have been sadly decimated and a  
 new and strong anti Slavery element is  
 going with all the new Regiments - The  
 old saying of Canute to the sea "thus far shall  
 thou come and no farther" has finally  
 given way to the sublime expression of  
 our Savior "come out thou unclean Spirit"  
 The Republican Worcester Convention at Worcester  
 is an indication of a better state of things - How  
 mean this no party is - and what a "Preposterous  
 Ass" Geo Francis Fremont is making of himself -

Ferrisden in former years has bitterly opposed Charles  
Sumner, but now he advocates his reelection  
most urgently - Did you read Eliot's speech at  
that Convention - it was excellent - among many  
other good passages - was this "The War we are  
conducting is a war for the Union - not so much  
the Union as it was, as the Union as it always  
to have been, for it is now made plain to  
us that no article in the Constitution which  
we venerate should remain at variance in  
tenor or in terms with the solemn declaration  
of its great preamble - Here is a common  
ground large enough for all Massachusetts  
patriots to stand upon together" - Ruth was quite  
sick for a week or so - but has now recovered - she  
was unable to keep school the first week of the  
term, but the last two weeks she has been there -  
she took cold in South Boston bathing I think  
& came home with it on her - Has Henry ever bought  
his horse yet - name him "Baricca" when he does  
get him - Business of all sorts is very dull - so many  
men have gone to the war that the City seems like  
a City of Women - Woman's Rights will now prevail  
Jeff Davis Couchman was here last week - I was  
introduced to him - he gave a speech, but I did not hear  
I have written this amid the noise & confusion at the Mill  
so you must excuse all mistakes - Fanny sends her  
best love to all - I do I - good bye -  
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