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My dear friend

The approach of the 4th - the day on which the Boston Steamer sails, reminds me that if we have any thing to say to our valued abolition friends, we must take up our pens. I most cordially do I resume mine, to tell thee, what I cherish if possible, with more delight than ever, the recollection of the long days that thou & dear W.P. Rogers, spent amongst us - Yes - the recollection of those pleasant hours will long be cherished by me. I think I saw us all still in Red Bank's parlour - on the first evening of thy arrival, sitting, mute as statues, ~~could~~ ^{could} make us, while those unfolded to us thy views respecting slavery - I wish Christians, should under any circumstances, resort to physical force, or violence, ~~to call~~ ^{to call} on others to raise for them, that hand, against their fellow man - that we were to take the command of "resist not evil" on the same broad interpretation as that of "swear not at all" - that, violence & injury should not be known amongst true Christians, nor exhibited, in their actions towards others, but that all should go forward under the broad canopy of love - But I was running over in my mind, our three days occupation & joy to call them, to thy recollection - I was our joint host to the Christian Park - our run into the Zoological Gardens, leaving friend Park to take home of the car - your delight & zeal occur me for saying was, like the delight of the free spirits of children, in looking here & there at the living wonders of the Creator's own production which were exhibited there - then there was the sweet morning visit to the Naughtons - our every ^{little} friend as fond of theology - Rogers' quiet withdrawal to his better to write the solicited contribution in the album ~~there~~ - their talk - our walk to see the old Irish smother, & Professor - our contemplation then of sundry wide weapons of war - of contentions, of men to slay one another, which show how old ^{our} ^{times} ^{our} the world - then there was our gathering in the green of our friend John Webb - the group ^{collected round this} ^{gathering} that round friend Rogers, of which ^{round} ^{performed} one, listening to his trying every thing by the test of a few simple plain axioms, which were based on immutable truth, & saying that ^{any} ^{injustice} ^{injustice} departure from those, whether applied by government or individuals, however specious they might appear, ^{in whatever} ^{in whatever} ^{in whatever} were in themselves, from their departure from abstract principles

these things are the very reverse of what they were. Some
four funerals in succession the day before yesterday - all of the poorer
classes, but all large - & now order, more decorum, more witness.
Long files of walkers with insignias of mourning but not a bloated face,
not a pined eye, did I see in the whole throng. And then, if we walk
into our houses, how debilitated they are! In one section from largest hemi-
lating, but about 20 inmates ^{now} where there used to be 130 or 140 - another
room entirely closed - the police, walking, & utlence - the Savings Bank
extremely busy. Such is the state of things amongst us! Not but that there
is a great deal of misery & poverty & debilitation, still - ~~but~~ through
for ever the likelihood of it to make the heart, that has any feelings, bleed,
but then it is born so peacefully, calmly, in the hope of better times.

How increasing ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{evil} ~~it~~ ^{is} ~~become~~ ^{it} ~~in~~ ^{these} ~~countries~~ ^{countries}, that the
few rich only wallow in ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{results} ~~at~~ ^{the} ~~expense~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{many} ~~poor~~ ^{poor},
that our iniquitous food taxes are a ruinous drag, chains on the
community, & that the ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~propertary~~ ^{propertary}, all the paraphernalia & pomp of
aristocracy, is eating ~~into~~ ^{into} the very vitals of the people; that the up-
holding of an immense system, fever & bloodshed is bringing with it
its own attendant of evil! Will these things be ever in time, ^{ever} ~~then~~
it be too late?

But then will you ^{the} ~~you~~ ^{war} ~~agent~~ ^{agent} that ~~abolish~~ ^{abolish} of evil -
that explicit aim of America - ~~slavery~~ ^{slavery} ~~abolish~~ ^{abolish} the flame
spread far wide ^{amongst} ~~it~~ ^{with} ~~your~~ ^{your} heart, indignation against a Republic
America, for her shameful prostitution of the sacred cause of liberty,
rise higher & higher, or will it spend itself in a short-lived excitement.
I answer, I trust not! I may be too ^{slightly} ~~too~~ ^{hopeful}, but my fixed opi-
nion is, that the agitation ^{slightly} ~~will~~ ^{will} cease no more, until
the fell monster is scouted from the earth. Until within the last
few years, the excitement ^{amounted} ~~was~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{subject} ~~they~~ ^{were} ~~got~~ ^{up} ~~for~~
particular occasions, & unless the object was attained, repose &
inaction followed. The deep chords of principle were not reached
- the glaring, ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{daring} ~~daring~~ ^{usurpations} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~man~~ ^{of} ~~this~~ ^{this} ~~country~~ ^{country}, ~~prevailed~~ ^{prevailed}
- were not clearly ^{seen} ~~except~~ ^{except} by a few, till of late, ^{last} ~~but~~ ^{now} the
right feeling has been awakened, & I believe it will go on increasing
still, till even the Southern planters shall cower, & retreat before
its irresistible force. And thus, the quarters of British India is
fairly awake - and Dr. Lushington is, I understand, to move early
in the session, that, wherever & whenever a ~~line~~ ^{line} ~~trends~~ ^{trends} any territory
of Britain, he shall be free - but I pause - a deep insult to the cause
of freedom has been inflicted. ~~They~~ ^{They} ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~repeatedly~~ ^{repeatedly} ~~by~~ ^{by} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~British~~ ^{British} ~~Parliament~~ ^{Parliament}
~~ever~~ ^{ever}, unless Parliament reverse the ~~degree~~ ^{degree} - ~~Thames~~ ^{Thames} ~~shall~~ ^{shall} ~~upon~~ ^{upon} ~~this~~ ^{this} ~~point~~ ^{point}.

