

Leicester, April 29, 1853.

Dear W<sup>o</sup>. Foster;

I duly received your note of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst.; and at a meeting of the Board of Managers on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup>, I laid the matter before them, reading your letter, and a copy of mine to you from this place a week since.

The Board unanimously passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That W<sup>o</sup>. Daniel Foster be directed to cease from the sale of Goodell's "Slavery, & Antislavery", while acting as an Agent of this Society, in view of the falsifications of Antislavery history, & the mis-statements, as to the action of the American Antislavery Society & its members, contained in that work.

Resolved, That the agents of this society be instructed to consult the General Agent as to the books they take out for sale, and to offer none which are not approved of by the Board of Managers, through their General Agent.

As your last note to me was written on the supposition that the Board of Managers had then acted on this subject of Mr. Goodell's book, and as your resignation, therein contained, was offered on that supposition, and as they had not then acted upon the subject, I do not feel that we are

authorised to accept your resignation, on the strength of that note. You will please therefore let me again hear from you.

You will permit me to say, that I cannot reconcile, with my past belief either of your candour or of your friendliness to the American Anti-Slavery Society & its members, the position you have taken in this case. You manifest a fixed determination to sell & circulate this book of Goodell's, although knowing, from my repeated statements, that the members of the American A. S. Society regard it as falsifying the history of that Society; and you virtually reject my suggestion that you should have an interview, on this subject, with some of those persons who can fully inform you concerning the mis-statements in question.

Will you, if you please, inform me whether you wrote to Mr. Lewis Tappan, or other person, in New York, to obtain a quantity of this book for sale? Also, what number of them you have sold, while travelling as an agent of this Society?

You express friendliness to our Society, still, & readiness to help us. This we are glad to know. But you <sup>are</sup> acting in consistency with this profession, when you circulate a book which slanders us? And since we have

declared, & are ready to prove, that the  
book is a false & injurious account of the  
American A. S. Society, I see not how you can  
continue to circulate it, if you be truly a  
friend.

I am, very truly

Yours,

(signed) / Saml. May Jr

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