

Weymouth Feb 23 1864

My dearest Lizzy,

We have not yet got over the dancing of the heart occasioned by the news of your coming with my son & my grandson & grand-daughter. I wrote to you a long & more amusing letter than common last week - paper upon paper, "by the way of Northumberland" - via Anne that is, & so it is not my fault that you did not hear from me. As she tells me she did not send it for the reason that I mentioned having heard of Lady Augusta who had been to see H. Mackenzie at A. (A. is a mistake). I have said - "I would not send it Mamma! for it would be an insult to Lizzy, to send a letter mentioning H. M. who has insulted Lizzy so." You may judge from this how high party spirit runs here. A particular class of Minds - Minds in which the emotional & imaginative prevails greatly over the judicial faculties, are in a peculiar & special way upset. Wendell & Garrison & Thompson & all the friends each suffer, - & it does seem as if Wendell was hurt when

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Cast[ing] down the Lincoln Administration by impeachment, & that because of the amnesty offered to states that are willing to return immediately on condition of returning as free states, slavery being prohibited forever. I differ in judgment, but I am not only willing he should express his sense of the necessity of impeaching the honesty of the government - (see his resolution offered over the heads of the business committee) but I am anxious that he should say on his own responsibility, all he thinks, & all he feels. I do not feel "outraged" because he differs from me in opinion. I do not even see any necessity of arguing with him. Cowhul & Anne, I learn in town, struggle with him - in vain. I am sorry he is as he is, - but why not let every body

of such age & experience, act
to speak freely? - Why hate, or be
sorry, that another cannot
think as we do? - These are the
conditions of life. & Wendell's la-
bour against Lincoln will pro-
cure more votes for him than
it will deprive him of. I think
Lincoln better than any
other name wh, because, he
is a progressive domestic policy, he
is a friendly foreign one.

Of Slavery, like the Pleasles in
Miss Levee's book, we may
say that the dogs are as bad as
the disease. These dogs in both
Northern & Southern mind
are shown by the methods used.
"Bully" is the word, with such a
like "We must bully the foot!"
(This Wendell said to me.) Now the
foot is an overtasked poor servant,
fain to do our bidding, & I shall

leave the Bullying to others to do.
It looks to me neither judicious, nor
right; nor likely to be successful either
at home or abroad, in the most
most healthy way. A stab may
open and embroil some & so save
a life, but I shall not go about
stabbing every puffed-up thing
I see, for all that. The Deacon
will do it better. All these

considerations are not matters of private
friendship. They are questions
of public policy, - but "before all
Israel & the Sun" - & I can't
possibly think people differ on them
out of spite or interest to me. So
I counsel you to feel Garrison
talks as I do. Don't hate him
for it. H. Matthews is a believer
in the ultimate truth of a Military
Method, while we are non-resistance.
We do not hate her for it. She
thinks Wendell (so Caroline tells
me,) a demagogue. I, knowing

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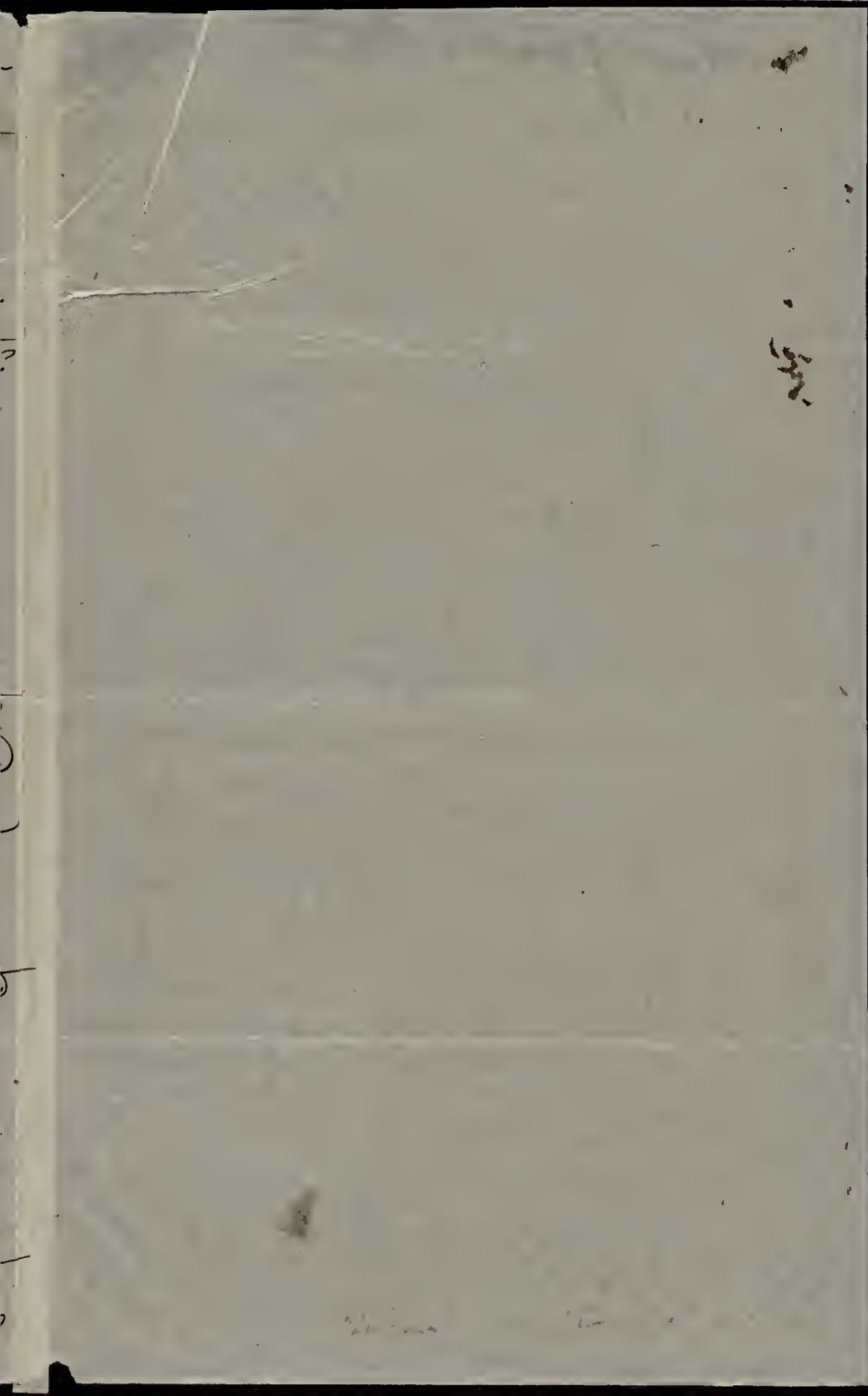
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I personally think him
 merely weakly mistaken, & used
 by demagogues. Garrison is
obliged to think so too, & while feeling
 as if he had a heart of gold, sees
 that he is used by inferior men.
 "So trying to suit them." No need
 to hate any body in all this.
 Facts are facts. A man in
 the position of a demagogue,
 being judged as a demagogue,
 or in the position of a traitor
 being judged as one, or being even
 judged mistakenly to be in that
 or any other position, - why
 should I fret & fume about it?
 I do not hate people that don't
 love my friends. Why should they
 hate me, for persisting to love
 my friends as long as I see cause?
 I think of this fully as a
 matter of general principle:
 for in time of civil war

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hated is the thing to be eschew-
ed. Do you think we can
ever have a union of arms,
if the dearest & most united
families, all on the same side,
are estranged for dif-
ferences of judgement & conduct?
— I would hear each other speak?

I at least resolve never to
abridge my own speech nor
choke down another's. That he
differs from me, constitutes his
claim. So much I write
though I have twice yielded
to the passionate interference
of others, lest you & I dear
Lizzy, should become estranged
through this indulgence of hatred
around us. I remember Py-
thagoras — good old soul —
who says, — "in time of civil
war, go into retirement if you
are wise." I can feel my



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Counsel without either violence or passion, interference or obstruction. Nor should I write to you any more than to Anne, after learning from you that you did not want to hear from me as I am, - I not made up into a false appearance. Nor that I suppose her to be resolved in such a poor way, - only, being excited, she did not want to cool. I should pin her where she lighted, but leave her free to change her position without worrying her or any body.

Well - to back to the Mad Mill. I told you he made a gentlemanly one. - 1847 - Clarke Cabot named Executor. A third of all - personal & real, to his wife, - the remainder divided between the six children, each to have half its portion at marriage or majority, - the other half left in trust

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till 40 years old. It is a great
fortune, & the family all
seem calmly composed under
their affliction - a shock of
the shadow of a life & a death
at one call it. The anniversary

day of their wedding day com-
ing round, Plectzkowski gave
Effe a lovely basket of
flowers, with two gold &ruscar
bees, (earrings, at the juncture
of the handle, & on the top a

brooch, - a giant bee, with move-
able wings, which sliding aside,

showed an escannel of the
Baby. It is a pretty little thing

the Baby, I can creep. I heard
Thompson, before 4000 people,
on the rebellion, I was satisfied
with him, though I have not
yet seen him to know more
particularly what his views are.

But Bella & Caroline have

gone in to night to be present
at "the reception" called by
Andrew, Saml^l Ward, ^{John Forbes} Martin
Pimmee, ^{Joseph Dunlop} Amos Lawrence

Of the rest of that ilk
all abolitionists now. I said
to Bella, getting into the Carryall
"give my love to George & tell
him I was much pleased with
his lecture." "I will not. I don't
know whether or no he made
a fool of himself or not." "No
need, for I, knowing he did well,
only send a message to say I was
was pleased." But she would not.
This is another instance of this
tightening of the screws that despotism
delights in, & which families should
not manage in. It is not the way
I act. When people ask me
what I think of our foot
I reply, tardily, they have some
right to the same question as to the
Eng foot, the same answer, tardily

tried, but do not trouble yourself. My beloved parent

they have done right. But as
the London atmosphere
you must ask my sister
who have found it as bad as
possible." Then if they think
the British govt. are "breaking the
blockade" & "interfere" & "acknow-
ledge the conspiracy to get the cotton
free to them to say so, & I do
not wish them to suppress their
convictions or dislike them for
expressing them.

Enough. I speak
as to a wise woman.
Don't hate nor be incited
with the terms of hatred - for
now is the time to embrace
as between ^{these two} ~~Rahonahes~~ & not
to repair whatever the past
may have been.

Well my infant
good bye for to day. Let me
hear from you if you have

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