

Leicester. ~~July~~ Sept 21/61.

Dear Burleigh;

Yrs. of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. duly reached me, and I subsequently heard from Whipple that the closing sheets of the Ms. had been rec'd., read, & were in printers' hands; - and being in Boston this week I went to see the printers, & found them at work upon it. I gave them instructions to see that you had proof of every page, including the Appendix, and to bring the whole to a close as soon as possible; - their force has been a good deal reduced by dull times, and they can't turn off work as fast as in ordinary times.

At an Exec. Comtee. meeting on Thursday, I bro't. up the subject of the Report, and of your work upon it, and suggested that some additional sum be voted to you, - not as full compensation for your protracted & really arduous labors,

(for in existing circumstances that is out of the question), but as our recognition of these labours, and as an expression of our sense of their importance and value to the Common Cause. The Ex. Com. unanimously agreed with me in the matter, and voted, that "in view of the great labour which Mr. Burleigh has performed in the preparation of the Annual Report of the Society, he be allowed the additional sum of Twenty five Dollars, and also Fifty copies of the Report for his own use & disposal."

The Report will make a document (quite thick eno' for a book) of not less

than 330 pages; the cost to us, for  
750 copies, will probably exceed  
50 cts a copy. Fifty cents will  
probably be the retail price of the  
work; and if you could sell your  
copies, in course of the fall, at your  
meetings, &c., at that rate, it would  
add another \$25. to your purse - which  
we sh<sup>d</sup>. all rejoice in. What think  
you of my having 100 or 200 of the  
Report <sup>done up</sup> in a cover to read something like  
this - "The Antislavery History of the  
John Brown Year - being the Annual  
Report," &c. &c. &c. Let me know what  
you think of this, & how you would amend  
that title, if we decide to do something of  
the sort. You may write to me in Boston, where  
I expect to be on Monday & Tuesday. -

— Now as to future Reports,  
you have already been informed  
of our wish and arrangements  
on that head, and I believe you  
have approved the same. But  
I will repeat, to make sure. — The  
Report for yr. ending May 1, '61 to  
be ready <sup>for publication</sup> ~~published~~ next May, in  
conjunction with Report for yr. ending  
May 1, '62 — i.e. in one pamphlet;  
that the report for '61. be limited to  
75 pages; and that for '62 not to  
exceed (if possible) 100 pages.

We shall gladly, look to you to  
prepare these two Reports.

Have you drawn something on what  
is due you for writing the just-finished Report.

Truly Yrs. Saml May Jr