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Dear Brother Phelps-

[About the paper - I have this plan  
to propose - Have a letter of inquiry, lithographed, and a  
500<sup>or</sup> 1000 copies or so struck off - embracing an informal  
prospectus stating the place of publication <sup>in Boston</sup> & size and  
price - and embracing the following queries - and more  
if need be - 1 - Ought we not to have a new paper, to  
be the official organ of the Mass. A. S. Society?  
2 - ought it not to be confined to the discussion of Slavery and  
the remedy for Slavery, and to these alone? 3 - What would  
be the prospect of such a paper, & how many subscribers  
do you think could be obtained for it in your town  
or vicinity? In case such an one is established  
in safe hands, will you aid in giving it circula-  
tion? 4 - Will you consult with judicious men in  
various places, & come prepared to give their views,  
and vote on the project at the annual meeting in  
Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 1839? 5 - How many other Anti Slavery  
papers are taken in your place? & what are they? and  
about how many of each? - 6 - No design to injure  
the Liberator - which is an independent paper - But  
to furnish a purely anti Slavery paper - which may  
not meet with objections to its universal circula-  
tion among all denominations of Christians,  
like the Emancipator, Friend of Man - 7 - If the  
Liberator can be made a purely Anti Slavery paper,  
and better edited, & made the official organ, no new  
paper to be established - If it is to continue to

private property & open to every thing then a new paper at once. - It may not be prudent to mention all these items. & others may suggest themselves to you - I throw off these hints of the thing, just as they have been floating in my mind a week or two back. - I will bear 1/3 of the expense of such a circular - or half of it. if a 3<sup>d</sup> person cannot be found.

The noise we made about our proposed County paper, broke the ice in this County - and the tide is setting now in favor of a new paper. - Pettibone writes me that some of the warmest Garrisonites in Andover, are now in favor of it - This will be true of pious men, every where - I am certain we could reckon upon a large subscription in this County.

"Consider the matter; take advice (if you need any) paid then speak your mind" freely as always - so now. - I cannot rest easy till the thing is accomplished in some shape - Every new Society we start now, every old one made more efficient, creates a demand for a paper - and I can with difficulty bear to be instrumental in the introduction of this non resistance fanaticism, into minds who trust us, because of their love to our common Lord & the poor loudman.

We have not done badly, notwithstanding

Whittier threw his whole strength against us, in regard to Cushing's election - and the Lynn Record, in respect to this district pursued a course equally detestable - or rather much more so - It was rife with political slang - I think our friends threw nearly a thousand votes for true men - But for Whittier, Cushing would have gone begging for his election - In regard to Senators the result is what we expected - tho' not what it would have been, could we have made known the views of Caldwell and Newhall, on Temperance, in season.

Pretty well for a beginning - Do better next time -

yours very truly  
Chas. F. Bowry -

P.S. Mrs B's little book is out - Cooke & Brewster -  
p. 222 Some of our Whigs here backed out - are now making ridicule of our whole movement, to come up their own want of principle - Some few Van-ites also backed out, when they joined Hale, & Rouse, Jewett & a few others, did not keep their faith.

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