

Lyndon Dec. 15. 1841.

Dear Madam

Unwilling recently with one of the contributors
to the Liberty Bell, I had a specimen of the metal of which
it was to be composed. If all the material is as good,
& the casting fortunate, the tone of the Bell must be very
excellent. & it will give more pleasure to do what
I can to help ring it.

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Respectfully
J. Bennett

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