

Father, Providence,
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Francis J. Garrison,
Roxbury,

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(By kindness of J. E. A.)

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Providence, Thursday Morning,
April 12, 1855.

Dear Franky:

While I was expecting nothing as pertaining to letters by Frederick, last evening, he brought me a whole budget! One from you, another from your mother, another from Fanny, and another from Wendell, to say nothing of that most amusing and remarkable epistle from "A Garrison", which last, of course, I shall not take the trouble to answer, as I know nothing of any of his references, and from the style of it desire no further acquaintance with the writer.

Yesterday was a wet day, and this morning is very foggy, and both unfavorable to a case like mine. Still, I did not experience quite so much pain (though enough of it) as I did the day before, and had a somewhat better night than I did the night previous. Dr. Dow worked over my shoulder with a good deal of assiduity, but it is a stubborn case.

I shall calculate to leave for home on Saturday in the train that leaves Providence at 10.40, and would like to have you meet me at the Roxbury depot (say at 12.30) to help carry my carpet bag, &c. to the house. I shall indeed be most glad to get home again, though regretting not to get much relieved from my sprains and pains.

Perhaps I could hardly get to Boston, that day, in season for business hours, or as to see Mr. Fields; and so, if Mr. Clark will do me the kindness to call at our house in the evening, I will be greatly obliged to him. Or, if I can see him and Mr. F. after dinner at the store, I will call there.

With my disabled arm, it is quite uncertain when I shall be able to use it to any account; and, therefore, I shall hardly dare to commit myself embarrassingly to the preparation of the first volume so early as has been named. I am obliged to Wendell for his suggestions about "extracts," &c., but, to be of any value as a book of ref-

erence, he must remember that something more than my ipse dixit will be necessary in the way of impeaching and arraigning Church and State. But it will be a difficult thing to decide how much or how little of evidence to present to sustain the needed allegations.

I will write to my friend Snow, at Ditchburg, informing him that I am not going abroad this season. If I were, I should delight to have the company of himself and wife.

No money need be forwarded to me, as I have plenty in my wallet.

I am equally glad and surprised to find, by George's statement, that I am so well off in funds. It is certainly fortunate in my crippled condition, as I shall be able to earn little or nothing for some time to come. I will see about making Mr. Wallcut a donation on my return. There is still something to collect upon advertisements.

Frederick is off on the cars
on the double quick, and I can only
send love and blessing to you all.
Don't feel as though you must
write every day.

Your affectionate father