

New York, 12 April, 1861.

Dear Garrison,

I enclose a letter, this
moment received, from Mr.
D. Conway, from which you
will see that he can't come
to the New York Anniversary
but would like an op-
portunity to speak in
Boston, at the N. E. Conven-
tion. Pray give the matter
your attention, & if the good
cause can be ^{thus} promoted,
comply with his wish.

Our papers contain
extracts from W. P.'s speech at

New Bedford, which somewhat
surprise me; ~~though~~ ^{perhaps} when
I see the whole speech, they
may make a different im-
pression. I am sure he's
mistaken, if he supposes the
demonstrations at Fort Sumter
are a part of Seward's plan
to bring about compromise.
wise. I believe, on the con-
trary, that Seward's peculiar
policy has been deliberately
set aside by the President
and Cabinet, and that he
(Seward) has been constrained
and overruled. And it does

seem to me a thousand times better,
or rather not a thousandth part
so bad, to fight the rebels,
and thus show some measure
of pluck, than to go on as
the Administration was ap-
parently going before this
demonstration was made.

Nor does it seem to me that
the feelings likely to be excited
by the beginning of a war will
tend toward compromise,
on the contrary, I think the
effect will be to make a
reconstruction impossible.

But my judgment may
be different when I get a clearer
view of events.

Your reply to the Bugle
is a deceiver. It does seem to me
that that paper evinces a sin-
gular lack of common sense.

Yours, cordially,
J. Johnson.