

Boston, Sept. 29, 1838.

23. Dear bro. George:

I expected to see you at the Worcester Convention on Tuesday next - but learn from Basilina, who arrived yesterday morning, that you had got back to Providence, and intended starting for Brooklyn this morning. Charlotte writes us, that dear little Henry Egbert was extremely ill - much more so than he had been. - The news is very afflictive to us; yet we cannot but hope he will recover, and live to solace his parents in their declining years.

We have at last got to housekeeping - though our household affairs are not all yet arranged. Bro. Phelps will not be able to remove all his furniture until Monday afternoon; and until the premises are left clear, we cannot, of course, complete our arrangements. Helen is very well pleased with the house; so that I am now relieved of anxiety on that account. The best of my furniture, that was stored, I have removed into our house; which, in addition to that which was already in it, fills us up very compactly as to room. My expect sister Sarah on Monday, though bro. May writes us that he will try to persuade her to stay in Cambridge some days longer. I presume she will conclude to come on Monday. We wish dear mother to be with us as soon as convenient. So far as we are concerned, she need not wait until the return of Sarah.

You will have seen by yesterday's Liberator, that the list of officers of the new "Jacobinical," "no-government" society was not published. The list is not yet completed, and the truth is, we do not know of any persons in the city, whom we elect to fill up the vacancies. After you left,

our friend Edmund Quincy changed his views respecting the Declaration of Sentiments, and expressed his readiness to sign it - but has once more vacillated, and thinks he is not prepared at present to endorse the entire instrument. At least, there are some doubts and difficulties that he feels, and which must be removed before he can commit himself publicly. I feel very tenderly toward him; and do not regard ^{him} any the less for his conscientious scruples. He will doubtless come out right. Bro. May says he shall write to me at length on the subject next week. I have not much hope that he will get his mind relieved in season to start with us. Indeed, we shall not have a great and sudden rush into our ranks! There are very few, in this land, in this world, who will be able to abide by the principles we have enunciated; though there may be many whose consciences must assent to their correctness. I see before us many trials through which we shall doubtless be called to pass, if we are faithful to our testimony. But let none of these things move us, or deter us from going forward. The Lord God is our own and shield - our strength and our defence.

Since I began this letter, I have been surrounded by a troop of anti-peace men, who have so hindered me by discussions, that my time allotted to fill this sheet has been consumed three or four times over - and it is now so dark, that I must finish what I have got to say, in a very few words; for this letter must be dropped into the Post Office without delay.

I wish you to write me your opinion, respecting the probability of means being pursued to out-pique the Liberator, if the following arrangement should go into effect: Bro. Johnson and myself, since you left, have

looked the ground all over anew. We find that it must require a book-keeper, equal to Mr. Blake, to spend all his time in taking care of the accounts. He cannot do any more. Besides this, there are about three days in the week that must be consumed in mailing the papers, &c. This bro. Johnson could attend to, and then be able to devote the remainder of the week to reading of proofs, writing the minor paragraphs for the paper, and performing many other matters that would be serviceable to the cause, and afford me very great relief. But the difficulty will be to convince those who shall contribute to support the Liberator, that a printer, book-keeper, sub-editor, and editor, are actually needed to make the concern what it ought to be. I see not how it can be done more economically, if bro. J. is to be of any assistance to me. There could be no objection in merely exchanging him for Mr. Blake as book-keeper. What do you say, in view of all this? Had I better try to attend to all the editorial and mechanical concerns of the paper as I have done hitherto, and keep Mr. Blake as book-keeper? or do you think enough may be raised to support the plan I have named above? Bro. J. is very anxious to know what is to be the final decision, that he may govern himself accordingly. Much will depend on your answer. I presume there will be no difficulty in procuring such a committee of accounts, as we spoke of when you were here, provided they do not incur any pecuniary liabilities.

Yours, ever,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

13 Give to the book-keeper.

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