

Independent Office,
New York, April 22, 1870.

My Dear Garrison,

I am thankful for your letter received yesterday. I shall now issue the call for the yearly meeting. The promised attendance of yourself and Mr. Channing will give great satisfaction to our friends in Pennsylvania.

I did not read the proceedings of ~~the~~ Mr. Phillips and his friends, but mailed the paper to you as soon as it came to my hand. Of course, you know I agree with you perfectly in regard to the whole affair. Per-

his conduct is at least as it
is self-stultifying. If the
Independent were my paper,
I would expose him, but I
don't feel quite free to do so,
and perhaps the game is hardly
worth the candle.

Theodore made a great
mistake in his "Peace" movement,
and I think he is partly convinced
of the fact now. Such a move-
ment, to be successful, must
have its origin with the parties
to be united, not with outsiders;
must be founded on an interior
drawing, not carried by external
pressure. I have talked very plainly
and faithfully with him on the
whole subject. It looks now
as if the movement, however
well-intended at first, would
operate only to bring additional
numbers to the Society of the

"Revolution." Theodore's card has been very extensively responded to. Perhaps a bushel of letters have come, each one (on the average) containing four or five names. The great mass of ^{the} ~~these~~ ^{writers} do not understand the merits of the controversy, and will be easily misled by the cry of "Peace," and by any opposite documents that may be sent to them. If the mass of friends of the cause could be united in one Society, having the seat of its operations in New York, but in no way identified with the Revolution, it would be a grand thing; and I am sure that such was the hope and purpose of Theodore when he began his ill-judged movement.

How did you get the impression that Mrs. Johnson is

in Providence? Is it possible that I have not told you, or that you have not heard, that she went to Florida with Mrs. Davis about the middle of January? It was there that Mrs. Davis was taken sick, and that Mary Anne nursed her into convalescence. Mrs. D. has now gone to her sister in Georgia, but Mary Anne, when she last wrote, was still at Jacksonville, Fla. She is now recovering the strength she lost by nursing, and I hope she will come home recruited by her Southern residence. Say to Helen that Thomas Davis brought to me last evening the letter sent to his care for Mary Anne, and that I will forward it with the necessary explanation.

Yours, always,

Eliza Johnson