

Boston 1. August 1835.

Dear Madam -

I am sorry that you find  
 excuse the liberty of our country. I have to do  
 with the interest that you have expressed in the  
 abolition cause. induces me to write to you  
 upon a subject in which some of the Ladies of  
 Boston feel a deep interest. The deliberations  
 of the American Anti-Slavery Society have resulted  
 in a determination that the interests of  
 the good cause would be best promoted  
 by the appointment of an agent in England,  
 and this in ways so numerous to merit to know  
 especially does this agency seem necessary now  
 as the question of American Slavery has become  
 in England so interesting, that the first  
 agent addressed to our countrymen young  
 Whittier are connected with this subject. I  
 think it is matter of some importance that these  
 emissaries should be such as they are; by many  
 of them themselves Christians, and publicans  
 that they should continually reiterate the  
 assertion that "the North and the South are  
 equally guilty in this thing" - that they should  
 as in great part, the existence of Slavery, being  
 based not on view the suffering slave enlarge  
 upon the hard fate of their Southern brethren  
 afflicted with an inheritance of crime.  
 In view of these misrepresentations it

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has been determined on to send some one, able  
to speak the whole truth in this  
matter, uninfluenced by false Patriotism  
or avarice, or self interest -  
Mr & Mrs D. Philips have been selected  
to occupy the situation in question -  
and it is a matter of praise & satisfaction to the  
friends of our country of Mrs Philips - and must  
be to take what sympathies are with the  
anti-slavery cause, that the Ladies of New  
England - & I should say of America - will  
be so - probably representatives -  
It has been determined to raise part  
of the money requisite - in New York - &  
part in Boston - You are aware of course  
that the friends of freedom are sustained  
and their causes upheld - among us, by -  
the poor & the rich - and the rich  
as wise & the prudent, are  
devoting to this cause - some Gentlemen  
of the Anti Slavery Society have pledged  
themselves for the requisite sum - & will  
gladly receive on the aim that the Ladies  
can give - They feel assured that Mrs Philips  
will gladly & gratefully - enable  
her to do much more freedom by means  
of their liberal contributions than she could  
otherwise do - but here I am sure they are  
not taken - though Mrs Philips talents and  
virtues are acknowledged & praised - few

wish in these times do ought to encourage even  
indirectly any measure of any abolitionist.  
The Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society, have done all  
that they could do - as individuals & in their  
associated capacity - but their means are sadly  
limited - they have done wonders, when the  
narrow circumstances of most of them are con-  
sidered - Besides their yearly Subscription, and  
the appropriation to the Samaritan Asylum  
for Solomon children, they have promised to  
raise \$100. in part payment of Mr May's deli-  
very - or \$200. more to answer the claim of the  
A. A. S. Society - Several Ladies of the Society  
have pledged themselves to raise \$50 each  
for the same Society - Under these cir-  
cumstances - the Ladies of our Society, anxious  
to do what they can, in a matter so near  
their hearts, have determined to apply to those  
of their acquaintances & friends out of the  
city whose feelings might be in unison with  
<sup>our</sup> ~~their~~ own - I take the liberty therefore to  
ask Mr Massam to ask for what assistance you  
may consistently give - & if you have not  
already given to the friends of humanity,  
and that you could appropriately, I am  
sure you will aid us - Mrs Child is to  
leave Boston the 8. August -

It is unnecessary to mention the many  
collateral advantages which will be derived  
by Mrs Child's sojourn in England - She  
will be in communion with the good &  
gifted there - & information from such

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P.S. The abolition of British colonial slavery has  
this day celebrated - & our Thompson's speech has  
often begun descriptive - but he is in danger  
of at least outrage & insult - new - every day -  
we at the season of the year the influence of  
the doubt is they among us -

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