

My dear Mr. Estlin,

I cannot refrain from sending you a few lines - though it is long past midnight, and the 1st day of July has commenced - to assure you of my unabated respect, and to beseech you all to stand fast to the truth and the right, spite of the powerful opposition arrayed against you. I have sent a long letter to Mr. Armstrong, designed for the Inquirer, if he, & you, & Mr. Jones, approve of such a destination, and the new Editor (who is he?) will admit it. That letter I wish you much to see, and carefully peruse. - I should have retracted ^{having} at my expression about Dr. Parkman brought before the B. & F. U. A., but because I had rather say such things here, as I often have done

But I am not at all troubled by it,
and know that I can make good
my assertion. - My letter is very
personal, to Dr. P., I am aware;
but if I touched him at all, the
case demanded pretty thorough work.

I send you, by this steamer,
through Chapman, Brothers a small
parcel of pamphlets, which we deem
important & valuable; it also contains
a little note for Miss Carpenter, from
Mrs. M. W. Chapman.

I believe I have not before acknowledged
you very interesting & welcome letter of
May 18, written at Weston super Mare,
which came without delay. I cannot
properly notice its contents now.

You are right in thinking that
H. Clapp Jr. is the poorest of all possible

adviser as to how money sh^d. be laid out
for F. Douglass. You will have learned ^{before} this,
that D. declines establishing a press and
paper here. He is convinced ^{now} it would not be
a good step. Our Massachusetts Society
have written to the English friends in support
of F. D.'s opinion (I think he was convinced by
Garrison, Phillips, & Quincy that it would not
be a good move for him, or for us, or for the
cause) - the letter went by last steamer,
and will be published doubtless; the
substance of it has appeared in the Liberator.

My new office keeps me very busy,
and, so far, has left me very little time
for correspondence. I shall hope to get
things methodized somewhat, soon.

Douglass has been very ill, with Scarlet
Fever, Cankered Throat, &c. He is now quite
smart again, and will soon be at work.
He is going to Western New York & Ohio in
August - great fields for A. S. labour.

I will try to write to you, more frequently.

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by next Steamship. — Meanwhile, with
respects to Miss Estlin, whose health I hope
is benefitted by her stay at the sea-side, I remain

Most truly & gratefully Yours

Boston, July 1. 1847.

Sam^l May.