

Weymouth. May 18. 1841.

Dear Henry & Maria,

My custom when writing

to you is to get out that journal so despised
by Henry and carefully to cull from its records
such incidents as Caroline & Mary may be likely
to overlook, either from want of knowledge of them
or because from their insignificance they may be
overlooked. I wrote to you I think the 15th of April.
I staid in town till the 19th at Charming, N.H. at that
time Kervey came in town & brought Catherine who
had been staying a few days at Weymouth and
carried me home. On the evening of the 16th Mary,
Caroline & I spent the evening at the Ripleys at a
community meeting. We went on the invite of Mr. West.
I liked Mr. Ripley very well. He severely talked con-
amuse & declared he never went to bed in his life
so little time as now after working in the field all
day. The milking seemed to occupy a very prodigious
place in their regards. Ripley, Burton, & one or
two others milk six cows & the milk was hauled
round & we found it very good. Mrs Ripley
was different from what I had supposed. She
was of intelligence & more pleasant personally
than I had thought, but altogether she is inferior,
not at all more remarkable than Anna Adams.
She was anxious to assure her own mind that in all
she did, the canons of gentility were not impinged
upon, & she was still more desirous to let all else
know the fact. I am obliged to confess I rather
liked Elizabeth Peabody. I dont know that I think

I am mistaken to tell you not to write long for Capt. but he if he
& mean to lie long in port but to come home
some other way
then is why
peacefully
I am writing
two notes.

any letter of her, but she was agreeable. She is a
fact. I staid the Sunday after at the Owens & Marks
while at the Marks I read part of Combe's Tour. You
are mentioned in it in connection with the votes
given you for Governor. Mrs Maria Ann Chapman a
lady of much amiability & high intellectual endow-
ments who had distinguished herself in the Anti
Slavery cause" this is the size of Mr Combe's jug.
Miss Paul died the day I came out of town. I suppose
she had been in a consumption long before the Fair.
Every thing was done by Mrs Southwick, Bennett &
others for her comfort. The family will now be
broken up, & the children taken by sundry friends.
Catherine had a very good time at Weymouth
& thought little Anne much grown & improved.

On the 22^d of April, though the day was very unpleasant
I went to Dorchester to the quarterly meeting of the
Norfolk Soc. It was small but an interesting meeting.
The picked people of the county. Edmund came bring-
ing a word of women, Mrs Spear, Eunice &c. Eunice has
not been to Dr Briggs' meeting or any meeting for
a long time, & is just preparing to write her letter
of withdrawal from Dr B's church. Women came on
the 25 with Caroline & took his leave of us. He looked
well & was in fine spirits. That day Caroline brought
down your letter. I was more copied by them than
by any previous ones, I believe all the Weymouthians
were; the C. Mass people not being so much given to
despotic deeds, were rather delighted at your
powers and more disposed to dwell on the
dangers of Savannah Largo than to be amused
with your getting safely over. Mrs C. particularly
remembers you are to go bait. You will not care to
hear of my calls on the Tufts and others of that

ick, nor of the intense interest they all felt in Mr
Bates' movements. On the 29th I had a note from
Ms. Martineau. It came by the Great Western I think,
was dated March 16. She was much obliged by the
"Bells" for Henry, Lady Byron & Mrs Janeon, which had
not reached her, but were on their way. I will copy
part of her note.

"How glad should I be to hear of
the restoration of Mr Chapman's health! To be per-
mitted to witness it here in England, is more than
I dare dwell upon. Sometimes I feel sure they
will come; & then I moderate my anticipations, etc.
Your sister's health is good now. For that I thank
God, for He knows any I feel any one living may
be better spared than she. I have written to her, &
am in hopes that she will satisfy me and my
hosts of correspondents, (whom I can not enlighten as
they desire,) on the present state of No. 7. Such
information would be received with avidity, just
now.

The friends of your Socy here are now in a state
of eager & anxious suspense as to whether way, the
sentiment of the great anti Slavery body in England
with regard to your Old & New Organisation will
turn. We are doing all we can; we who understand
& therefore honour & love you of the Old Organisation.
Few of us have money to help you with. I, for one,
have none, but what I can do for the cause
with pen & tongue, I am doing & shall do. Every
thing looks dark enough at present, but we know
how light may spring up at any moment. + + +

"In regard to her health" I am not better, thank
you, but growing slowly worse, a necessary step,
however even being better." I was sorry to read

this latter clause, as to my mind it indicates that she never expects to recover. Caroline understands it as referring to a crisis in her complaint. On the 1st of May Mr & Mrs Chapman, Mary, Caroline & Dinny came down & spent the afternoon. They seemed to have a good time. Nothing very operative has since occurred. Last Saturday we went to Dedham (Nevins, Caroline & I) to see E. Quincy & learn the news from N. Y. Caroline will tell you all about the way things went at N. Y. We made our abode at Mr Sampson's and called at Edmunds in the afternoon. I was perfectly charmed with Edmunds' place & thought it very handsomely furnished & fitted up. I had nearly been completely persuaded to decide the question of Mr Penniman's expenditure money by rep for he came just as we were going away, but Edmunds marshaled off with us without introducing him. We did not see Mrs Quincy. He said she was not well, but I fear he was not in the palace of truth. Had it not been late, we should have gone to see Riverdale. Penniman it is said is determined to sell it, & before June is out is may I am going to try next week when in Boston to make Mr Chapman go out to Dedham & see Riverdale, for after seeing Quincy's place my mind was very much upon your taking Riverdale - we have been very joyful at Henry's absence, for never did we have so cold and dreadful a spring - we want a good coal fire this present 18th of May as much as we did in March, and we have had weeks weeks of pouring rain. The Cowings have begun to move into Mr Metcalf's house. The Metcalfs are gone to Boston to live. They (the Cowings) have the house, garden, or ^{new} etc for \$260 - we are all pretty well now though I have had my usual quantity of despicable poorness. Anna is so grown you will hardly know her. Both she & Henry are in perfect health.

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we should like to send little H. to school, as Miss
Dudley has opened quite a good one, but the
whooping cough being in the neighborhood, we do not
feel willing he should go as we are not willing
any part of it should be in your absence.
His cousins have also deprived them of many
privileges. Aunt Parilla is no better than I am
see, & I do not know what she is any worse. The
rest are about as usual. William Fifield goes to Exeter
next week to go to school, of which circumstance
we are very glad. Coburn flourishes very well. He
does not make the clatter with his feet he used to
do, & has got very pointed, thereby making quite a
name for himself in the neighborhood. He made
up a very good box of things for N. Y. but the Fair
there was an entire failure - not \$25 was made.
There is really no A. S. public in N. Y. & the delegates
were busy attending the meetings & gave what they
had to give in pledges. \$200 was contributed on the
spot & \$700 in excellent good pledges. W. B. W.
& N. P. Rogers are coming out here to stay a few days
& labor in all respects, I suppose, as they find opportunity.
I dare say they will stay with us some, tho' I believe
Eliza Richards is their staying place. We are very
busy putting to rights "spring cleaning" you know, & have
almost finished. Corwell has been speaking at Phil's
to Friends, but I do not know what he has taken any
part in A. S. meetings, as usual. He was not at N. Y.
Still I dare say he will be on here come two weeks.
Churche may be here likewise. My mind is that the
A. S. Friends take no notice of Churche at all. If Wendell
Collins & yourselves get home in June, the cause
will I trust, go ahead. In Sunday business letters from
friends in the cause, your love of dear little Gertrude
has been spoken of with much feeling. In a note of

Collins' to dining he sends his regards to us & wishes
I to tell us he (Collins) has had a most interesting
letter from you. I am now going to write to the Hollis
ladies as they have written me about the Fair.

Hoping soon to hear & with love from all
yrs ever A. W. Weston

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Papa, Ma Mama, you must love the picture
of mine. I send my love.

Ann Greene Chapman
otherwise Vandy