

Phil. Oct. 19/43

Dear Friend:

I had scarcely mailed my letter to you of the 16th an hour, before I had reason to regret it; for on reflection & further view. Early I found that I had asked you too much for that picture. My impression was, that all the copies I had had printed cost me  $\$8$ . a hundred, and although I was aware that the paper on which they were printed was of a more costly kind than will be required for your book, this impression helped to mislead me in my calculations of what you ought to pay. Perhaps too it ought to be conceded that I was, thinking at the time more of my own wants than of the necessities of the cause. - I had a mind to recall my letter from the Post Office; but concluded not to take the trouble, but to wait for your answer. - I have just now rec'd your letter by the N York package, which increases my regret at having asked as

much as I did & prompts me, to write you with-  
out further delay in explanation.

You may have the picture at just half  
the price I offered it; and I will take one half  
the amt. in Liberty Bells for '44. I don't want  
any of the old numbers, we have a quantity  
& they won't sell at any price. Of the last  
copy we did not sell at this office more  
than a 1/2 dozen.

I consulted the engraver about the altera-  
tion in the picture you proposed. It can be  
altered, but not restored; and to "mask" the  
margin as you suggested would <sup>require</sup> ~~cost~~ as much  
trouble, as to increase greatly its cost.

Please let me hear further from you  
on the subject. - I should like you to "give"  
you the use of the plate as Mrs. Follen did,  
but I could not without defeating just to  
that extent the object of having the pic-  
ture taken. And I am not sure that your  
publication of it as you propose, even with  
a large compensation than I ask will  
not be a disadvantage, for I had <sup>been</sup> looking forward  
to the publication of the picture in a volume, & if  
I should, it will have a second-hand appearance.

that will add nothing to the credit of the  
book.

When you write I should like to have you an-  
swer my queries about the prospects of the  
am. Assoc.

I will announce in the next Standard  
the train of meetings appointed for our  
"100 Convention" at them.

I hope that our Western folks will give due  
heed to what Bradburn has said about  
Liberty Party in the west. We must discrimi-  
nate between the Mass. A. Organization & Liberty  
Party in general - in my opinion, as we will  
be the losers. - Don't you think so?

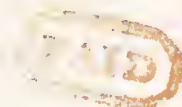
Yours truly

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