Boston, 21 Cornhill,
Dec. 27/59.

Dear friend Webb;

At a late hour this afternoon Mrs. M. W. Chapman calls to ask me to send to Mrs. Harriet Martineau the sum of £ 40. 16. 0. — Our Banks and Bankers' offices are closed for the day, and I cannot get the needful funds to-day, to go forward by the Steamship which sails hence early tomorrow. And, in this position, — as Mrs. C. is very anxious to have the payment made without loss of time — it occurred to her that you might be able, from funds in your hands, to pay the said amount to Mrs. Martineau, we passing the same amount to your credit here. — The sum is Forty Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, &c.

and I doubt not you can pay it readily, provided you have not already forwarded to America ~~xx~~ funds for the approaching Subscription-Anniversary. — If you send to Mrs. H. M., please say that the money is from Francis Jackson, Treasurer of the American Anti-Slavery Soty., and please write to me what you may have done and paid, in the case, by first mail-steamer.

I can add no more now. The U. S. Senate have voted to raise a Committee of Investigation into the Harper's Ferry Matter; — the Committee is chosen — 2 Slaveholders,

My little Sophie was greatly pleased with the "Illustrated London News" which Richard so kindly sent to her

2 Northern men (Republicans), and 1 Northern democratic Doughface, and they are about summoning ~~[illegible]~~ witnesses from the North, with a view to get at the facts of the great conspiracy as they pretend to think it, and with the especial hope to implicate leading Republicans in the affair, and thus damage their Presidential prospects in the next year's election.

Harriet Martineau's precise address is doubtless known to you. As we have it, it is – The Knoll, Ambleside, Westmoreland, Engd.

With much regard to all your family, and Richard especially, believe me

Sincerely Yrs Saml. May Jr

Zhu. 16.0

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