

Rough copy of a letter to F. Kemble
D. W. Watson

Mrs Frances Anne Kemble

Dear Madam,

I trust that an apology for
addressing you may be found
in the belief ~~that~~ ^{very} I am ^{most} happy
to enter this that on the question
of now so deeply agitating the
whole country, that of the
continuance of American Slavery,
your own parties are in agreement
with those of the Abolitionists.

I would have wished that the
request I am about to make
might have had the advantage
of presentation by some one enjoying
the honour of a personal argument
& regret more than ever the
absence ^{from the country} of my dear friend

Mr Follen ~~from~~ ^{the} who could
have asked your help without

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any of that fear of intrusion
which a stranger must
necessarily feel.

You may be perhaps assured
that an Annual Bazaar
for the benefit of the Anti
Slavery cause has been held
in Boston for the last 15
years. The state of public
sentiment considered it has
been very successful, & has
furnished a large proportion
of the funds by which Anti
Slavery publications & lectures
have been ~~maintained~~ sustained.
For the last few years it
has been held in January
Hall and the several of the
evenings (for the Bazaar
was times open ten days) has been
drawn to

addresses on Slavery from
men distinguished in the cause
such as Messrs Wendell
Phillips, Garrison, W. D. Channing
& others.

My ~~visit~~ is ~~that~~ for 1849-50
~~Our~~ ^{the} ~~coming~~ Bazaar opens in
Faneuil Hall on Monday the
24th of Dec^r & continues ^{open} through
the next ten days. My ~~best~~ ^{purpose} is
writing in to ask that you would give
~~that~~ ~~an~~ ~~evening~~

during that period you would
give ~~the A.S. Cause~~ the Bazaar
benefit of your assistance by
readings or you may judge best
omit to the occasion.

My knowledge that you were
to be in New York on the 17th
makes me hope that you might
visit Boston without much
additional inconvenience.

I send ^{an} ~~some~~ account of our

last year's Bazaar that you
may obtain a better idea of the
mode of action, in behalf of
which I have ventured to
~~address~~ ^{solicit your help} you. Mrs. Green, Miss
Cator, Mr. James Russell & Mrs
Mrs F. G. Sherin, are names that
occur to me among ^{those} a list
of Managers as names with
which you may be familiar.
I will occupy you ^{time no} more ^{more} ^{sentences}
longer. I should feel ~~embarrassed~~
was ~~not~~ ^{not} ^{at} ^{all} ^{of} ^{making} ^{this}
application were I not so deeply
sensible of the ^{sublimity &} magnitude of the
work that our very humble efforts
are striving to promote

~~Mr. The nature of my reasons
for desiring to join the Board
I have here on a separate sheet
Dear Madam,~~

Believe me with sentiments of
very high admiration & respect
Yours most
Mrs. James Anne Bennett

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