

Receipt, Mass. July 1840.

Dear Mr. Garrison,

It is with a great deal of pleasure I write to you, but I did not have any leisure at that, from any quarter, to permit, - but 'twas unavoidable.

I was however very glad to get your news to the tune of, with enclosures for Richard. The letter from Mr. Lynde, I have, as you gave his address with a few words of my own, as time allowed.

Sometime last March I was called upon by a Committee of some of the best men in Boston to be the Secretary & acting agent in a movement for a National Testimonial to Mr. Wm. Lloyd Garrison. Much interested in it I was, & anxious to be an active part in the effort, for some time previous, to set the work forward, I was very loth to take this post. The gentlemen who acted as the Committee were mostly men, who had never accepted of Mr. Garrison's principles & methods, but had adhered to their political parties, & their churches, & while acknowledging the essential correctness of Mr. Garrison's & the justice of his demands, in the main, Mr. Geo. John A. Andrews was Chairman of the Committee, and under the circular letter, wh. was, mailed the last of April, and wh. I have circulated thru the mail ever since with what diligence I could. First, however, I went to Washington, by instruction of the Comtee, to obtain the names of our Gentlemen there, well known as ~~to~~ ^{to} the cause, antislavery, for the purpose of the people of the country. I spent some time in Washington for this purpose (my own Editor

Ed. & myself upon a review of the matter. His
dearest sister had commenced it, & carried it along, but felt
unequal to the labor of completing it. I believe that is
about its present position. - W. I have not read
from F. Douglass for a long time. I can't tell what he is
doing, or where he is. I agree with you that
G. has not all the qualifications for the work he
is undertaking. Yet there is an eminent fitness
in having such a History from his pen, & from his
point of view. The theme is large enough for many,
sorts of Histories, & many varieties of mind.

My son Edward is just about sailing on a
3 or 4 days' cruise in the Pacific Ocean - in "H.S."

Former "Lacawanna". - We are in your health

