

The Nyple stops this week, & the Western Com. propose to make
arrangement to supply their subscribers with the Standard

Wm. Lloyd Garrison
Anti-Slavery Office,
New York, 3 May, 1861.

Dear Miller,

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Has it occurred to you
that the death of the Standard
may be one of the consequences
of the war? Mrs. Chapman, in
a letter I have just received, ex-
presses her belief that it ~~will~~ ^{is}
"out of the question" to maintain
both it and the Liberator; and
she wishes they may be united.
I have written to her to say that
I think the Ex. Com., before making
any ^{new} arrangements of such im-
portance, should either call,
by private circular, a special

meeting of the Am. Society, or
a council of discreet friends
from Phila, New York and
other places, to share with them
the responsibilities of the hour.

Whether Garrison would consent
to waive his presence for
making the Liberator the oppo-
nent of his personal views
on all subjects, in order that
the cause may have an organ
acceptable to all its friends, I
do not know; but it has occurred
to me that, in view of his ad-
vancing years and the somewhat
precarious state of his health, he
might not ~~be~~ strenuously object
to an arrangement which

would relieve him, perhaps, from the minor details of editorial duty, enable him to serve the cause more efficiently by his pen, and at the same time not diminish his pecuniary resources. The united paper ought to be printed and published here, so as to serve Philadelphia and Boston on equal terms. To have but one paper, and that at Boston, would ^{it} not be the thing, would it?

I have told Mrs. Chapman to include me or leave me out, in the new arrangement, just as the good of the cause, in the present trying emergency, may

require. I think it likely that
Mrs. C. has written to you on
this subject, but I thought
I would let you know what
is passing in the minds of
our friends at the East.

Yours faithfully,
Oliver Johnson