

Leicester,
Wed. Evng,
May 8.

Dear Mr. Garrison,

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I received your note at
noon, and am very glad of the good
prospect of your coming. I hope
you may be able to come, without
injury to your health - otherwise,
I should prefer you did not come.

If you do not come until
afternoon of Saturday, as you intimate,
your best train will be that leaving
Boston at 3, bringing you to Wore.
at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$; - on that afternoon, ^(Saturday) the
Coach is quite sure to be uncomfortably
crowded, and I should go to Wore.
for you, - which, as I have other
errands, I could very easily do.

I quite agree with you that
the nomination of Horace Greeley is a
most absurd one. He has been a
great public nuisance ever since the

Slaveholders went into rebellion,
bestriding the Union Cause as the
Old Man of the Sea did Sinbad,
& hindering it in all manner of
untimely and uncalled-for ways;
plaguing Mr. Lincoln with his advice,
and alarms; and expedients; always
expecting disaster, & often striving to
ward it off by concessions, which
it would have been disgrace & defeat
too to make.

This nomination
is a bargain too, which no other
men, and "inside" politicians, —
of whom we hear much lately, from
extra-critical & ostentatious quarters —
would be denounced as flagrantly
corrupt; a bargain for the two
chief places between the adherents
of men, holding the absolute and
irreconcilable opposite opinions on
the vital questions of Protection and
Free Trade. I did not suppose
he could carry a single State, nor

even a single electoral vote; nor could he, I still believe, save by going into an alliance with ^{the} Democratic Party, to do which ought to involve the forfeiture of all just, honorable & patriotic men's respect & confidences. It looks now as if Democratic votes might be given him. That would seem to be a bitter dose to democrats; but, as they are, as a party, without any principle, and long have been, I believe them ready to do anything which would bring them again into power. Can H. Greeley, nettled by Republican want of appreciation, be scheming for just that thing? It looks so to me, I assure you.

Should you finally find on Saturday that you ought not to attempt coming to Leicester, please telegraph to me ^{as early as convenient} at Leicester, at any office of the Franklin Telegraph Co. - their principal office is in Conquest Square, back of Devonshire St.

Truly Yrs. L. May

