

Chamney St Feb 27th
1841.

Dear Henry & Maria,

I do not write

because I have any thing
in particular to say, for Lin-
-coln deprives me of all
news, but because I think it
rather discreditable to me
not to have written a single
line. I came in from Weymouth
day before yesterday intending
to go out at night, but finding
Warren gone, concluded to
stop a day or two, though I
feel rather anxious on ac-
-count of my children.

I have devoted the energies
of my powerful mind to
the arduous task of teaching
little Henry to read, so to
accomplish the feat before

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you get back. If I fail, as
Bishop says, it will be the
first thing I ever undertook,
that I couldn't carry through.
I opened a letter yesterday
from James Gibbons to Anne,
acknowledging the receipt of
the \$1.50 from Van Hooket
that she sent him. He
was in the best of spirits,
said he had written to
Thomas Macy of Van Hooket
for money to buy types, as
D. Winslow would give \$2.00
if the whole \$5.00 could be
raised. He sent \$1.00 &
Mr. Barney another \$1.00. The
remainments of the fair
were sold for \$40.00 & they
made up the sum to \$1.17,
^(the standards)
its own requisite, to support
it now. Van Hooket does well.
I have no fear for the Standard.
I saw Miss Gillespie yesterday

who entreated that you
would not come back
too soon, Henry might
lose all he had gained
I met Capt Howard to-
day in the street (of the
Revenue Cutter) who ^{said} he
should be in Havana
in April. He thought - it
would be perfectly safe
to stay in Hayti through
June.

Caroline will tell you
all about the cause. The
last Emancipator you owe
to my enterprise. I got leave
to take it off file. The Free
American (whilom Mass Ab,
now gone to its long home,
Mr Spear got ^{it} ~~x~~ for me —

I shall go out of town this
afternoon. When you write again
pray write to little Ann. It
seems to acknowledge that.

she could be slighted, but
in her secret soul she did
not like it that there was no
letter from Bloy to her
ever faithfully &

affectionately yours

Deborah West

Henry G. West