

Anti-Slavery Office,  
New York, 27 April, 1865.

My Dear Garrison,

I am very weary from  
hard work and over-excitement, ~~about~~  
I feel an irresistible impulse  
to remind you once more of the  
importance of being prepared,  
at our Tuesday morning meet-  
ing, with your address and  
resolutions. I am sure you  
appreciate the situation, but  
I fear that other engagements  
may lead you to postpone till

too late the needful preparations.  
I think our success or failure may  
depend on what you do or leave  
undone. If you offer a series of  
resolutions, covering fairly every  
point - not forgetting equal suff-  
rage - and deliver an ad-  
dress reviewing the past ~~and~~<sup>and</sup>  
surveying the present, and showing  
why Abolitionists may now  
with great propriety dissolve  
their Societies, I feel sure that  
you will ~~at~~ carry with you  
all save the bitter and prejudiced  
partisans of Phillips. But at  
any rate, you will furnish  
a visible platform on which

Your friends can all rally, and which, when it is published, will be "enough said" a complete vindication of your course. If you fail in this, we shall be all at sea, and Phillips will have an easy victory.

I know well what a bore writing is to you, and how you are prone to put it off; but remember that this is the last year of the Society, so far as you and many others are concerned; that Phillips has great tact and ingenuity in putting his case, so as to mislead even the elect; and that, consequently, it is of great importance that the record, on our side, should be clearly written up. Nobody save you will or can

do it; and you must do it before  
you leave Boston, or not at all.

It is a job that will require time,  
~~and~~ thought and labor. Pray, there-  
fore, suffer the word of exhortation  
from me. Drop your paper,  
company and everything else, my  
dear friend, and give yourself  
early to this work.

Pardon my earnest importu-  
nity, and believe me, as ever,

Yours, truly,

Oliver Johnson.