

Boston Nov. 13. 1859.

Dear Brother Birney

As you see, the war wages

hotter & hotter here. It is avowedly & emphatically one of "extermination". And so perfect have our non-resistant opponents become, that they stick at no means fair or foul, for the accomplishment of their ends. The tricks & lies, to which they deliberately resort are almost numberless. And the war is as much against you at New York as against us. Johnson says the New York folks are worse than we are. So inveterate are they against you, that the other day, when your agent, Alonso Lewis, who is collecting information for Weld, was here, & called on them for information, & for the names of persons on whom he should call, with the exception of Sewall, they refused to aid him at all - would not even give him names of persons to call on. He told me he had no conception of the

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State of feeling both towards us & you.

My object however in this, is not to detail our troubles here, (farther than to keep you advised of the fact that the war is one against ~~us~~ you as New York, as well as us), but to say to you individually, what I said some time since in a letter to Stanton, that you must not fail to come here on the last Monday Evening of December, in compliance with the wishes of the Ladies Society. Their object of course is to have a large meeting for you to address on that evening, & take that opportunity to advertise the public of the Fair on the next & the following days. The avails of the Fair, you are aware, go to your treasury. The other party will scold of course, & so they will if you dont come. Your coming will alter nothing in their feelings towards you as a committee. Beside, an occasional lecture of this kind, at their request, is not in violation at all of your arrangement in regard to sending

agents into this state. I hope therefore you  
will come without fail. If you do not, I  
fear we shall not be able to call public  
attention to the Fair sufficiently, to ensure  
its success; & it is very important, not only  
for the sake of the money, but for many other  
reasons, that the Fair should go off well. The  
other Fair raised considerable money, but to  
a very considerable extent, those  
that made the articles had to buy  
them. Not half as many of the public  
generally attended it, as attended the Fair last  
winter. The \$1500 that they raised cost them dear  
I assure you. We wish the regular December  
Fair to be, & to seem to be, the people's; & with  
proper ~~effort~~ we can make it so.

Yours truly,

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