

Boston, Nov. 23, 1843.

My dear Sir,

With much pleasure do I hail you from this side of the Atlantic, and send my best love to you, Cousin Lucretia and your children. —

I write, ^{by} ~~at~~ Mother's desire, to invite you Cousin Lucretia & children to pass Thanksgiving day and evening here. It is Father's & Mother's earnest wish to have you all here — and you may be sure, not less, that it is mine. It will be just the opportunity I wish to have a good talk with you. — Mother wishes me to say that she regrets that she cannot also invite you to pass the night here, with your family; ~~but~~ as the house ^{and father's} will be quite filled with her family, and ^{mine} ~~the~~. But I trust this will not deter you from coming. — You know our dinner hour — two o'clock; and we are pretty punctual on Thanksgiving day. I believe I may truly say, that I have returned home with good health. Frederic also is very well. In haste but most affectionately

Yours Sam^l. May, Jun^r.

Saml May jr
Nov. 23. 1843.

Boston, April 12, 1844.

My dear Sir,

I have time for a few lines only. We had quite a full meeting ^{at Brany St -} as many as before. Misson's Report was read - your Letter to Mr. Lotthrop was read, and one or two alterations in the proposed letter made in consequence. Four or five amendments were then made, and an adjournment had to the P. M.

In the afternoon, a discussion of near 2 1/2 hours on the general subject, and particularly as to what the effect ^{had been} on Southern Law, Masters & Slaves, ^{by} the Antislavery Movement of the North. - It was finally, voted, unanimously, to adopt the amended Letter as a Reply to be forwarded to Gt.

Britain. Messrs. Lotthrop, Stebbins & Thompson were appointed a Committee to take charge of procuring signatures & forwarding the ^{Letter} Address. - I was exceedingly sorry not to see you there. We had some unpleasant exhibitions from Br. Ellis, & some others. Ellis said he thought no Address should be sent, and he would sign none - what Father calls, "stiff, stout and stubborn".

Mr. Lottin, very frankly, said that his great reason
in favouring action at this time, and in voting to send
~~the~~ Reply to the British Ministers, was that the
whole matter of Slavery might be finished off
there, & not debated on any of the May Meetings,
in Associations formed for religious purposes. —
I said I hoped no one would vote for it in the
expectation that it was to close the lips of any one
on this subject in future, or that this letter would
be a safety-valve to let off all ~~the~~ ^{our} Antislavery
for an entire year or more.

I greatly lament I must return tomorrow,
and cannot go to Lexington yet — but I will
give it up. Yours with sincere affection

L. M.

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