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All the kind feelings you express, I heartily reciprocate. At no time have I ever forgotten "the days of auld lang syne", or the many pleasant incidents connected with them, as pertaining to you both. Be assured, the friendship which was so early formed between us will be a part of my existence, here & hereafter.

The peculiar circumstances which conspired to keep me for so many years from my native-place, necessarily prevented our seeing each other,

except at remote periods; and so the charm of frequent social intercourse was unavoidably broken. Henceforth, during our earthly pilgrimages, I trust our interviews will not be, "like angels' visits, few and far between," but reciprocal and comparatively frequent.

The remembrance of my recent visit to Newburyport, and the generous and handsome reception which was accorded to me by the citizens, for dear Liberty's sake, will carry with it a delightful aroma while memory lasts. After so many years of misapprehension, and opposition to my course, it fills me with deep satisfaction — into which, I am sure,

nothing merely personal enter-  
t to be thus publicly  
assured of an active  
entire change of feeling  
and sentiment, in regard  
to my labors in behalf of the  
enslaved millions in our  
country, on their part.

I wish you could  
have seen me mounted  
on the Charleston slave  
auction-block, on Thursday  
evening of last week, in  
Music Hall, in the presence  
of a magnificent audience,  
carried away with enthusi-  
asm, and giving me their  
long protracted cheers and  
plaudits! I attended  
a similar meeting, for a  
similar purpose, at  
Lowell on Wednesday  
evening last, and, on

taking the block, was greeted with the strongest demonstrations of applause, prolonged and repeated as though there were to be no end to them. What a revolution!

My dear wife continues in good health, although much crippled by her paralytic condition. We shall probably go to Providence in the course of a fortnight, to procure some medical aid which promises to be beneficial. We may remain there several weeks, though I shall be in Boston at least half of the time.

All our children are well. We have not had a letter from our son George since he entered Charleston with the 55th Mass. Reg't, singing the John Brown

song, and cheering for  
 Abraham Lincoln and  
 John A. Andrew. What  
 a bitter pill the haughty,  
 conquered Carolinians  
 have had to swallow!

Accept our household love.

Yours, with all my heart,  
 Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Extract of a letter

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