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Dear friend

Your of the 1<sup>st</sup> only came to hand today & I have to send you what I can give you samples. Most of them are taken off by persons who buy the goods & the best of those that are left my wife has taken possession of for a quiet fit leaves only a few inferior ones to be divided between you fair towns, but such as they are you can have. I have no doubt your ingenuity will find room for them. As there is no duty paid on samples of goods, people will not hesitate to try them because they are foreign!

Being in the height of business I hardly have time to enjoy the progress that our cause is making, but the last Liberator was such a treat that I could not put it down until I read all in Editorial type. How Wendell does scorch!

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Since writing the foregoing on Ex Com<sup>o</sup> has had a meeting remain together until 11.00 PM at night discussing the question whether Liberty party should use an office town agent for the publication of its paper. I am happy to add that for once we acted independently & refused their proposal. We are in the midst of conflict of personal encounters (not with fists) and going through the scenes you witnessed some years back. I hope we may have courage to sacrifice all personal considerations for the cause.

Take the ground that 3<sup>rd</sup> party is held to our Soc. & in finding support with me, for they say these 3<sup>rd</sup> party men are pursued persons. Another course, I recall the bitter feeling I experienced at the close of our meeting in Dec. It was a fatal step they took in embracing 3<sup>rd</sup> party as they did then. For years our Soc has been mongrel. ~~The~~ One party has

Constrains the influence of the other ~~is~~ a  
consequence we have been stammering still.  
I have not time to tell you how ultra  
I feel about Liberty-party.

Can't you come on here & spend  
a month or two? Will Abby Kelley  
come, the fact is she must, we are  
in a critical situation & we must  
have help. New England does not  
know what an ~~open~~ interesting field  
we have to labor in.

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