

Anti-Slavery Office,

New York, 21 Nov., 1844.

My Dear Garrison,

185- From what I learn, I sus-
pect that the question of consolidating
the Liberator and the Standard will
be decided at last according to your
feelings and wishes. Mr. May has some-
how got the impression that little or
nothing ^{permanently speaking,} would be gained by the measure;
but after a careful calculation, I
feel sure that we should gain,
at the very least, \$1,000; in other
words, the two papers united would
come nearer to self-support by that
sum than the Standard does now.
We should have less to raise of \$6,000
to carry it on than ^{to carry on} for the Standard

alone. And that, in all probability,
would make all the difference
between success and failures.

Some of our friends, I un-
derstand, are ~~survivors~~ fearful that
we should lose many of the Liberator
subscribers by your failure ^{on your} ~~to write~~
part to write. But I tell them there
is no fear of that; that when you are
once released from the cares and
suspensions that attend the conduct of
the Liberator, your mind will spring
into new activity, and you cannot
help writing more and better than
you now do. Of course, I see that
it will be very important for you
to do so, especially at first.

I think, from what I hear, that
Whipple will oppose the union, partly
on the assumption that if you once

let go of the Liberator, you will not
resume it after the anti-slavery strug-
gle is over; whereas, if the union don't
take place, you will go on with it
as long as you live. This strikes me
as ^a singular reason for opposing the meas-
ure; but I meet it in this way, viz:
The going on with the Liberator as you
are now doing will wear upon your
health and shorten your life. The union,
on the other hand, will give you a
breathing spell, and enable you, if it
should be desirable, after the anti-slavery
struggle is over, to resume the Liberator
with renewed strength and courage.

I do fondly hope, for the cause's
sake and your sake, that the union
will be consummated. The longer I
think of it, the more sure do I feel
that it would work well, and

enable the Am. Society to continue
its organ to the very end of the
struggle; whereas, if the measure is
rejected the Standard may have
to stop at the end of the present
volume, and perhaps the Liberator
also. In union we shall find
strength.

Yours, ever and always,
Oliver Johnson