

Boston March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Dear Debora,

Mrs Norris forwarded the following resolutions as suited to your case in N Bedford.

Whereas - We deem that the slave's best interests require that the vast responsibilities of the cause should be so divided that every individual may sustain his share - & whereas we are not in favour of resigning this labour of love in our own state into the hands of a distant committee - and whereas we have found reason to estimate very highly the effort and instrumentality of the Map. Society, of which our own is a component part - & whereas by their recent address to the abolitionists of Map. the board of that Society, have commended themselves to our confidence as faithful in purpose & clear in vision,

Therefore

Resolved, that we will ~~legally~~ around the State Society, & see to it that our contributions are paid into the state treasury.

Resolved, that in thus doing we adopt no new principle of action, but are governed by the same which actuated us in forwarding \$100 by Orange Scott & \$700 by Isaac Muslow & H. B. Stanton, which sums we supposed would be credited to the Map Society.

They have got almost through Bailey's letter - & go on my own by water - you would like to know when you are in my present impression - Am sorry - with much again - your

Ms. A. 9. 2. 1. 50

Our Boston Female want to have a meeting, I sent to Mrs Southwick to that effect. Mary P. refused on one pretence another to call a meeting of the board. I asked Mrs Southwick to write a note requesting her name & we would get the other names out of the board <sup>for a Society meeting</sup>. She refused; but said she would summon a board-meeting. C. Sullivan was summoned. & she. M. P. & the Balls decided against the most earnest remonstrance of Miss Johnson & Southwick, that there should be no meeting!!! "We do not think it necessary." "But members of the Society do." "It is left to us by the Constitution." "But the members of the Society want to adopt an address to Henry Clay, written by Mrs Chapman." "We have a secretary competent to do all that the Society needs." Phelps boards at the P's now.

We are getting up a requisition for a meeting & mean to send it to the board by tomorrow night with 50 signatures. Tell Mary, and don't see to it that the Female Society Phelp's resolutions also. I recommend to her to cut short the <sup>fair</sup> supplies of the Boston Female unless she sees that we mean to support the Map. Get also of the N. Beauford men an expression of opinion favourable to Arctine Chase's petition. for the Legislature have passed a truly infamous report. Resolved  
That, awakened  
by the facility of the women of Lynn in the holy

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cause of human rights we will not cease to use all our influence to procure the repeal of all the laws ~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> founded on distinctions of colour until every such disgraceful enactment shall be blotted from the statute-book.

Resolved, that the passage of <sup>totally</sup> so unworthy & base report as the one on this subject which has just passed the house, indicates to us that much yet remains to be done to abolish the ~~injustices~~ <sup>injustices</sup> of that we should put our souls to the work with renewed vigour

Dear D. I seize this little place to do the sums - you mention - you observe - the difficulty is that it is proposed to multiply different kinds of numbers together - this question for example - <sup>5th</sup> what ~~cost~~ 60 gals - 1 pt. of rum at 78. a gallon - now if the question had been "what cost 60 gals rum at 78 a gal - there would have been no trouble - only multiply 60 by 78 cts - & point off two figures for cents - as that would have been no decimals in the multiplication - but we wish to get the value of the pint also - & in order to do that we must find out what part of a gallon it is - one gallon - is equal to 8 pints - then one pint is  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a gal -  $\frac{1}{8}$  decimally - is  $\frac{125}{1000}$  - so the sum stands 60,  $\frac{125}{1000}$  which is the same thing as 60, - 0 -  $\frac{125}{1000}$  - then multiply by 78 cts & point off five figures - & you have your answer in dollars cts & mills - of the setting down the denominations the lowest first - & dividing by - what makes one of the next higher denominator - & carrying cyphers - is only a cumbersome way of throwing the lower denominations first into vulgar fractions & then reducing them to decimals I proved to do the sums -

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4 / 0.5  
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80.78  
481000  
420875  
46,89,750  
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br 36,125  
8,125  
180625  
72250  
36125  
45,156,25  
100

7th sum  
26.5  
475  
1325  
1855  
1050  
125,87.5 =  $\frac{1}{10}$

20/20 0  
2.5  
4p 29150  
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I will wait to hear from New Bedford before I  
 make any new engagements here but if I should  
 go to New Bedford I should like to decide about  
 it in the course of a fortnight - I must have time  
 enough - I don't believe they will offer enough to  
 make it worth while - we are all galled - her pad-  
 locks - are in our mouths - fetters on our limbs - Feet  
 disencumbered - cloven down in our mist - we are not per-  
 mitted to hold a meeting - Miss Parker & the Misses Bull

Boston  
 Care of C. M. Howland.  
 New Bedford  
 Mass  
 March 3rd  
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 President of the

decide it to be unnecessary - we shall tomorrow  
 send in a requisition signed by the members of  
 the society requiring her to appear at our meeting next  
 Sat - we have but a protest & letter to the  
 Country Society we know - as individuals - of course  
 we'll do what we can to save the cause -  
 Poor Childreth is very ill - at his boarding house  
 don't give up sleep - but sleep on now & take your  
 rest - for you are very comfortably situated I don't  
 think very much of your plan - of giving up your  
 house to Ann - she looks out like she would not  
 like her - & my school by the end of this yr will be bound to keep

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