

Boston Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1839

Dear Friend & Brother Chapman,

Your good letter was read yesterday, with great satisfaction, & with all its contents I can say (in reply to your question) I heartily agree with one exception, & that a mere matter of Judgment. I mean as to the propriety of doing that thing which the enemies of the cause call "filling up the Liberator with controversy" & which they labour to make the friends think is its ruin.

The local difficulties & falsehoods &c. of Abington, are of no consequence to Danners people, nor the Boston "squabbles" as they are sometimes called, to Philadelphia, but mischief is prevented in Abington by laying bare the nets & springs to its inhabitants, & Massachusetts is spared by the "Boston Controversy" though Pennsylvania, (where the fire has not yet reached) may not see any necessity for so public & private exhibitions.

