Phila. 12th. 16th. 1839

My dear Maria

The kind letter of 17th, 15th, and 5th Nov. were duly received, with their accompaniments, the "Liberty Bell" and "North Star," with which we were much interested. I sent the two copies as directed. Sarah M. Douglass desired me to make her acknowledgments to thee for the kindness in remembering her, and to say that she should appreciate such a gift from thee, even though it had not contained W. L. Garrison's and L. M. Child's essays. Margaretta Foster too, asked me to thank thee on their behalf.

My copy has been kept in circulation. It contains some excellent pieces. W. L. G. I was particularly pleased with.

The "North Star" too shed its appropriate light for the occasion. How brilliant is its prototype, just now, in its early rising! Do you see it sometimes? The Managers of our Fair had fixt on that name for their book before they heard of your paper, and it was too late to alter it; so we must bear the character of copyists. I hope ours would be out in time to drench the one, before it is offered here. They repeated kindnesses to me in this way, call for more than the mere expression of thanks. They are highly valued; I assure thee. Our Anna M. Hopkins is hoping, the loss of treasures so thoughtfully contributed by thee to their sale, will be forthcoming.

Now, my dear Maria, what shall I say as to the main subject of this letter? I am so at a loss that I have delayed from day to day, to make this attempt. Not that
I would. conceal from any, my disapprobation of the pro-
ceedings of the new organization, from the beginning – the
plan and maneuvers of the ExCom. in New York, &c. &c.
But if I spoke out my whole heart, it would be in pleading
with my dear friends of the other side, not to be moved by
these things, nor suffer themselves to be driven from the
grounds of non-resistance. I judge you not, as having ac-
tual improperly in your censure against the high-handed
measures of your opponents—indeed I rather regard you
as laboring for the whole—and that whatever security
we may enjoy from similar encroachments, we are in
great measure indebted to your quick-sighted discovery
and prompt exposure of. Still, the local dissensions
and the detail of divisions in your meetings and soci-
esties, I am not been willing, should be told in Gath,
and have therefore wished with L. M. Child, that “our de-
and much resented friend Garrison would use them
more sparingly in his paper.” The painful unceasing oc-
currences in your female press, althro painfully interesting
I would much have preferred, not to gratify the enemy
with the recital of.

I have felt little inclination to read the “Moral
Abolitionist” and have not seen any save the 1st. No.
E. B. Burleigh mentioned the perverted use, made of my
remarks, but I had not seen the article till those sent
it to me. It is so entirely out of my line to write
for publication, that I must be excused from making
the attempt— but I should be glad for S. Wright to
know that the turn he gave to my explanation in the
Non-Resistance Meeting—was an admission of the right to be
intolerant, was just the opposite of what was intended by me in the remarks made. It reminded me of the comment of the Edinburgh Reviewers, on Stuart, complaint of Channings want of Charity in their controversy. After full recognition of the right of opinion, they say, "but who can hear of tolerating Intolerance?"

When we declare the self-evident truth of man's inalienable right to the pursuit of happiness, we certainly do not confine or acknowledge the right to injure his rights. Nor ought to presuppose man's better nature so corrupted, his judgment and inclination so distorted, that his happiness shall consist in so doing. Should any prove themselves to disregard of the rights of their neighbors, as to claim the authority of the text for liberty of trampling upon law, they must be met with a suitable remonstrance, and restored to a sound mind and pure heart, by applying correct reasoning and all the remedies which the Gospel furnishes. Now these you have abundantly within your reach in Boston and will not my public aid. Thence at perfect liberty however to make due use of this attempt to explain myself, as in the judgment may be best.

As to my closing remarks in in the Non-Resistance War, I would willingly furnish them could I call them to mind. I made the attempt soon after the writing, but succeeded so poorly, that it was like "the manna of yesterday." I gave it up.

Adieu Ballotis excellent speech is a treasure. Have you the Non-Resistant from the beginning?
Lucetia Mott

Dec 16th 1839

Maria W. Chapman
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