Dear Spooner,

It is now near midnight, & I am to leave for Ohio early in the morning. I have been, all this while, in hourly expectation of seeing you. I do not know what you have to say for the [?] means of starting such a paper as you propose. The paper is needed enough, Heaven knows. But I see not how it could be made to go X pay. But let me hear from you at Cleveland. I am still as anxious as ever to live in New England. I hope you’ll arrive in town [?] to see my wife, anyhow. God bless you!

Bradburn

Sunday Evening,

April 20, 1851

I just barely sounded[?] Sewall on the prospect, & inferred, that he thinks there ever not enough of our views to sustain this thing. I have not ____ it to any one else.

April 30th

Dear Mr. Spooner,

I am sorry to leave without seeing you. Miss. Hinkley requested me to which a book you loaned her, I left it with me[?] for this purpose. But—George must be held accountable for ___ --as he took it, Recovering [?] the ____. It was your “Defense for the Fugitive Have.”

Mrs. H. F. J.[?] feel so anxious at your absence that I called at Mrs. Spencer’s to learn if they had heard from you, & we were both much likened to find that business alone detained you.

I snatch a moment from my packing for I leave in the morning—to ____, which must be my apology for its hurried style. Truly yours,

Francis H. Bradburn