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Dear Bradburn,

I suppose you have seen that Douglass has changed his ground as to the constitution. It occurs to me that you might perhaps make some bargain with him, by which you should become co-editor and co-proprietor with him. He seems to prefer speaking to writing, and he could be traveling and speaking and getting subscribers, while you were the principle editor at home. If the paper should remain at Rochester, you could write the Liberty Party Paper with it, for there is no use in having the two so near to each other. Or the paper might be brought to Boston, where it would probably get a large accession of subscribers. Perhaps you could buy the paper itself, and publish it either at Rochester or Boston, as you should please. Douglass ought either to sell it, or get an associate editor—he does not half edit it, and cannot while he is traveling about so much. His notion seems to be that he can travel and talk, and that all the editing his paper needs is a letter in each number giving an account of his travels and speeches, and audiences!

I wish you could make some bargain with him, for the paper, or a part of it—write the Liberty Party Paper and Impartial Citizen with it, bring it to Boston, and make one grand paper, that would do some execution—Cannot the thing be done?

No news here—

Yours truly,

L. Spooner

If you should buy the paper, you could have Douglass as an agent to get subscribers.

I mailed a letter for you a week ago. I have been hoping I should hear from you today.