

Boston Thursday June 30 1853

Dear Bradburn,

Mrs Bradburn was here last night. She was tired and dizzy after the ride yesterday, and left so early this morning that she could not write you, and wished me to write for her. She got here at 4/2[?] P.M. yesterday alone. Mr Atwater being sick at N.Y. - I met her at the depot to tell her that Hildreth had just moved out of town (to Auburndale near West Newton). She went to the Riven House. I called upon her about 7 with Mrs Brackett, (formerly Mrs Sargent), who has been in the city a fortnight. After a call of an hour or so, I went home with Mrs Brackett, then returned, and went with Mrs Bradburn to see Miss Hinkly, who lives in Elizen Wright's house. But Miss H. was not in. Mrs. W. had retired. We saw Elizen and some of the children for a few minutes and then returned to the Revere.

Immediately after Mrs B's name was entered into the books of the hotel, a young gentleman named Bringham, employed in the hotel, and who formerly lived in Cleveland, came and made himself known to her, and offered her every attention. I did not see her this morning. I should have called but she said Mr Bringham would do everything for her, and that it would be of no service for me to call.

Mrs Brackett insists that your wife strongly resembles you in looks.

Hildreth's folks have been moving for the last ten days - have not got fairly settled in their new place, else they would have wished Mrs B to call upon them now. She promises to visit them on her return. Mrs. H. will have a studio in the city.

Have you read Horace Mann's letter on the constitution? It was in the Liberator two weeks ago - and in the Commonwealth two or three days ago. I mailed a Comm. For you containing it. He holds the constitution to be anti-slavery! Isn't that atrocious? I have wanted to play[?] him alone, (as a warning to others not to conceal their opinions in like manner), but was afraid it would look ill-natured for me to pounce upon a man who agreed with me in opinion, however treacherous or faithless he may have been heretofore in withholding his opinions from the public. I think he wishes it understood that the other leading Free Soilers believe the constitution anti-slavery, but that they have not seen the necessity of avowing that doctrine! He does not say this in direct terms, but he seems to imply it, by indicating their "consistency," and saying that they have never given up the doctrine, although they have sometimes gone

into the enemy's territory to meet him on his own ground &c &c. Although it seems to me to be one of the most devilish disclosures that has come out for a long time, unless, as may very likely be the case these are really new ideas with him, and he is telling all these his rather than acknowledge that he has been in ignorance up to within a recent time.

Your wife said you might be in here in two or three weeks. I do hope you will come. If you should, you will be likely to find me either at Marsh's or and Howe's office 15½ Hannover St. (up two flights of stairs), or at my lodging room 21 Poplar St. I have not boarded at Spear's[?] for more than a year.

Miss Hinkly told me some days ago that she had recently obtained plenty of writing to do, and that she was likely to have permanent employment.

Elizen Wright has a severe fit of sickness some six weeks ago, but has recovered.

You have no yet told me how you like my Trial by Jury. If you do not like it, say so.

Yours truly

L. Spooner

note for him. I hope they will not - for I think that he and all his principal confederates deserve utter annihilation for their treachery to liberty. And if they should be utterly swamped, as they probably will be, the field will be clear for men, who have some moral as well as political principle on the slavery question. The present Free Soil leaders have neither.

I should not wonder if Sewell would lend some efficient and t_____ as establishing a new paper. Though of course I did not dare suggest such a thing to him.

My love to Mrs. Bradburn.

Yours truly,

L Spooner