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Rev. T.W. Higgenson

Worcester

Messrs.

My Dear Sir

I am here concealing my whereabouts for good reasons (as I think) not however from any anxiety about my personal safety. I have been told that you are both a true man & a true abolitionist “& I partly believe” the whole story. Last Fall I undertook to rais from \$500 to \$1000 for secret service & succeeded in getting \$500. I now want to get for the perfecting of by far the most important undertaking of my whole life; \$500 to \$800, within the next sixty days. I have written Rev Theodore Parker, from George L Stearns & F B Sanborn Esqa, on the subject; but do not know if they are abolitionists. I suppose they are. Can you be induced to operate at Worcester & elsewhere during that time to raise from Antislavery men & women (or any other parties) some part of that amount? I wish to keep it entirely still about where I am; & will be greatly obliged if you will consider this communication strictly confidential; unless it may be such as you are sure will feel & act & keep very still. Please be so kind as to write N Hawkins on the subject Care of Wm L. Watkins, Esq. Rochester New York. Should be most happy to meet you again; & talk matters more freely. Hope this is my last effort in the begging line.

very Respectfully Your Friend

John Brown

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