

Boston March 3-1854
Mr Joseph Parker,

Dear Sir,

A week ago this morning I went to the editor of the Commonwealth, and corrected the slight error into which you had fallen in saying that my note to him had been "re-jected". I explained the circumstances, hastily and briefly, (as he was busy), but, as I supposed, satisfactorily. I heard no more of the matter until yesterday morning, when I was surprised to see in his paper ^{rather} the spiteful article attached above - I immediately wrote an article, of which I have given a precise copy below, italics and all, and carried it to him for insertion. He said he had no objection to inserting it, except the room it would occupy. I compromised the matter by his inserting the correction (attached in the margin), in his paper this morning - which I hope will be satisfactory to you. As an excuse for the sharpness of his article, he said he did not know who Mr Parker was - but supposed he was some Garrisonian, and that the Garrisonians liked to attack the Free Soilers - from that circumstance he seems to have inferred that there was some malice in your statement. I am sorry for the circumstance, but hope you will not think it important.

Yours very truly

Lyndon Spooner.

Knows says he should have inserted my note of July 13th if I had inserted.