

Boston, Sept. 16, 1837.

My dear George:

65^a In a very few minutes, Helen, and the babe, and your loving W. L. G. are to start in the steam-boat for Dungeness and Scituate, to spend the Sabbath with his May. Of course, I have not time to give you any news. As to the kind of reception which the Clerical Appeal is receiving at the hands of our abolition brethren, you will learn very explicitly, and in a manner that will be cheering to your heart, by this week's www.libtool.com.cn. If the critics in our ranks should be speedily and effectually quelled, I think our enemies may as well surrender at discretion — or at least abandon all expectation of dividing and conquering our forces. [The only thing that surprises and grieves me is, the studied silence of the Emancipator respecting this controversy. It has not said a word about it, and, I understand, does not mean to say any thing — notwithstanding the charges in the Boston and Andover Appeals are broadly made against our cause and "leading abolitionists" — and notwithstanding the religious and political pro-slavery presses are publishing the Appeal, with strong encomiums, all over the land! Silence, like this, is shameful, is criminal, and any thing but un-animous. I have received a singular letter from Elihu Wright, Jr. in which he denounces my course in the severest manner. Could you see ^{it}, you would hardly believe that he could have penned such a letter. But it only convinces me that all is not as it should be at head-quarters, and that our friends in New-York would be glad, on the whole, to see me cashiered, or voluntarily leave the ranks. Next week, I mean publicly to rebuke the Emancipator.] You will perceive by the Liberator, that our State Society is to hold a quarterly meeting at Worcester on the 27th inst. I sincerely hope you will be able to attend it; for, doubtless, Woodbury, Fitch, Frown, and their party, will endeavor to rally all their forces, and try to force through the meeting some condemnatory resolutions. I think I shall not attend, but let things take their course, uninfluenced by my presence. Little George's foot does not improve any, as yet, under Dr. Hewitt's treatment. We are all in very good health, and expect to have a pleasant time at Scituate. What a narrow and miserable escape drew another old May bird! I rejoice and sympathize with them. The cake for George, sent by John Gray, was very acceptable, I expect we shall return on Monday, when I shall try to write you again.

Yours affectionately,

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