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Dear Brother

Mr. Wheeler has just informed me that he shall not attempt to report Mr. Doan's speech, he is afraid the publication will be too heavy for him, & that the rule will be there & uncertain in consequence of coming out after Congress is gone. So, I shall endeavor to give myself up & do the best I can, both with him & with Mr. Burdick & also the Attorney General, for I think it will be best to serve them about alike. What do you intend to do about publishing? How long shall I make the report, what shall I aim at? Will you have any thing more than enough to fill a single (double) No. of the Reporter? How soon will you publish what I write, & how much in a heavy shall you be, & shall you publish just enough to supply the Enquirer for the same or shall I write a separate & more brief account for the Enquirer? I can form no judgment of the length of the argument. Most of the arguments here run to a prodigious length. Gilpin argued 4 days, ~~to~~ 4 hours each day, in the case of Gen. Gratot & Walter Jones three days in reply. Several

Walker of Mississippi has been arguing
three days in opening the great constitutional
case about the legality of the importation of
slaves against the prohibition in the State
constitution, & Mr. Jones, Henry Clay & Gelpin
are to oppose, & all this before we come upon
the restricted case - so Mr. Boddwin tells me,
is the order of the Court: ^{i.e.} they will not suspend
the hearing of a case to take up ours. It cannot
come before Thursday, & may not be before
Saturday. This case is on an endorsed note
given to a negro trader, & the endorsement
is on the ground that the consideration
was illegal & void. I attend closely, & take
full notes. It is a regular course of Anti-
Slavery lectures, by Southern Senators &
lawyers!

Look at the incendiary, insurrectionary
tone of the editorial in the last Boston
Recorder respecting the restricted people.
I desire to be thankful that neither you
nor I, nor Mr. Garrison himself, ever
wrote so recklessly about what is to be done
if such & such things take place. It is a great
disappointment to me to be detained
here so long, but I am not very sorry to
have the opinions in the hands of Daniel Webster

instead of John Furzth. The Lord vigors, let us
rejoice & trust even our heaviest responsibil-
ities to his hands.

Mr — has entered an appearance on behalf
of Hedwig & Co., but there is no other appearance.
Mr. Gilpin is very gentlemanly & frank.
He agrees alone for the U.S. & I think Mr. King
has concluded not to thrust his important
celebration into the case.
Still, it is barely possible, if he does, I think
I shall have early notice, which of course
I shall communicate to you. I can't
learn that the Fox gives precedence but you
been communicated to the Senate, it has
not unless it was done today, which I have
not heard. I am to take tea this evening
with Mr. Cooke, a colored preacher of a
good deal of worth. I have heard a most
interesting sermon for a slave - a win-
ning of the Lord Jesus Christ, a promise of
the apostles, full of faith of the Holy Ghost,
a slave under the laws of the Angles & of
the United States. I may give the per-
tensions hereafter. Yours truly

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