

Rough copy of a letter to F. Kemble  
J. W. Weston  
Mrs Francis Anne Kemble

Dear Madam,

I trust that an apology for  
addressing you may be found  
in the belief ~~that~~ <sup>very much</sup> I am happy  
to entertain that on the question  
of now so deeply agitating the  
whole country, that of the  
continuance of American Slavery,  
your own parties are in agreement  
with those of the Abolitionists.  
I would have wished that the  
request I am about to make  
might have had the advantage  
of presentation by some one enjoying  
the honour of a personal argument  
& respect more than ever the  
presence of my dear friend  
Mr Fuller ~~from~~ <sup>the</sup> who could  
have asked your help without

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any of that fear of intrusion  
which a stranger must  
necessarily feel.

You may be perhaps assured  
that an Annual Bazaar  
for the benefit of the Anti  
Slavery Cause has been held  
in Boston for the last 15  
years. The state of public  
sentiment considered it has  
been very successful, & has  
furnished a large proportion  
of the funds by which Anti  
Slavery publications & lectures  
have been ~~maintained~~ sustained.  
For the last few years it  
has been held in January  
Hall and the several of the  
evenings (for the Bazaar  
was times open ten days) has been  
devoted to

addresses on Slavery from  
men distinguished in the cause  
such as Messrs Wendell  
Phillips, Garrison, W. L. Channing  
& others.

My visit is that for 1849-50  
~~one evening~~ <sup>the</sup> Bazaar opens in  
Faneuil Hall on Monday the  
24<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> & continues <sup>open</sup> through  
the next ten days. My <sup>purpose</sup> is  
writing it to ask that you would give  
~~that~~ <sup>any</sup> evening  
during that period you would  
give ~~to the A. S. Cause~~ the Bazaar  
benefit of your assistance by  
readings or you may judge best  
omit to the occasion.

My knowledge that you were  
to be in New York on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
makes me hope that you might  
visit Boston without much  
additional inconvenience.  
I send <sup>an</sup> some account of our

last year's Bazaar, that you  
may obtain a better idea of the  
mode of action, or behavior of  
which I have ventured to  
~~address~~ <sup>solicit your help</sup> you. Mr. Foster, Miss  
Cator, Mr. James Russell & Mrs  
Mrs F. G. Sherwin, are names that  
occur to me among <sup>those</sup> a list  
of Managers as ~~names~~ with  
which you may be familiar.  
I will occupy you <sup>no</sup> time <sup>more</sup> <sup>scarcely</sup>  
longer. I should feel ~~embarrassed~~  
~~embarrassed~~ <sup>embarrassed</sup> if  
my name ~~is~~ of making this  
application were I not so deeply  
sensible of the <sup>sublimity &</sup> magnitude of the  
work that our very humble efforts  
are striving to promote

I have these an apology for  
not referring to you in the former  
in the nature of my reasons

Dear Madam,

Believe me with sentiments of  
very high admiration & respect  
Yours most  
Mrs James Anne Bennett

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