

Mr Peter Still

Boston

Syracuse, Aug. 9,
1853.

Dear Uncle Peter

I was right glad to hear by your letter of the 4th from New Bedford that you had found friends there, and were likely to gather some valuable contributions towards the accomplishment of your great object. I hope you have not been disappointed. — But I fear you will be obliged to raise at least five thousand dollars in order to procure the liberation of your wife and children. For some cause, which I do not understand — the price of slaves is now higher than it has ever been — and according to present prices \$5000 would not be a very exorbitant demand for your family. — Nevertheless, go on in your labors — perhaps something may happen in the good providence of God to favor your wishes.

I have not yet received a line from Mr. Pierney of Philadelphia. From this I infer that he

has heard nothing from Alaba-
ma that he deems it worth while
to communicate. So soon as
I do receive a letter from him, you
shall be made acquainted
with the contents of it.

We have I heard a word from
your friend Mr Pickard. But
I have written to her informing
her of your progress - and I have
no doubt that so soon as she
shall have any thing to commun-
icate, she will send it in a letter
to Mr Garrison -

Yesterday I sent by my son
John Edward, the roll you left
with me - Dr Furness' narrative
of Seth Cooklier. He expects to be
in Boston by Saturday night or
Sunday ~~evening~~ ^{morning} and he will give the
roll to Mr Garrison for you.

All my family are as well
as when you left us. They remem-
ber you very kindly - and send
to you their best regards
God bless you, much Peter.
Yours truly
Samuel J. May.