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Brother Hudson -

You may, perhaps, be surprised to see me late at Salisbury, but I am in fact here - - But I will begin where you saw me last and in due time say how I came here - - You may recollect I was to have another meeting in the Friends' house the evening of the day on which you were at friend Donald's - There was a respectable number present, but as there appeared to be little hope of accomplishing much on such a still soil, parched as it was by the scaring influence of avarice, I did not think it worth my while to remain longer, and by Bro. Whiting's request appointed a meeting for the next evening in Esq. Knappa's district, near the Baptist Meeting-house in Norfolk. Had a good meeting there on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, the Baptist minister taking part - Went to your brother Rhoads' on Thursday, and had a meeting in their schoolhouse on Friday evening - The next Sunday at five o'clock at the South N. M. Meeting-house, and at the same place on Monday evening - Then to Esq. Knappa's and had another meeting there on Tuesday evening - On Wednesday eve in the east part of N. M., stopping at Dr. Hartwell's. On the next Friday eve, again at the N. M. Meeting-house, and at the same place Sunday at five P.M., on colonization - This was the first time I had ever found it necessary to spend much time in public in opposing colonization, but as a Minister from Stockbridge lectured, that day in the north parish, and as Mr. Peetey gave notice that he would preach upon the same in his pulpit on the succeeding Sabbath, when the people could have an opportunity to contribute to the cause, I thought it ought to be exposed - I have not heard whether he succeeded in drawing many pockets, but I

am very desirous of hearing what he had to say - The N. W. people are put a little shade up - From what I hear Mr. Utley thought at first to sweep the whole affair into oblivion, but he found he could not succeed, and being a clear sighted discerner of human nature, he is calling up the sympathies of the people, and as Mr. Whiting remarked, he is laying to lay the ^{abolition} to death. Mr. W. and Mr. Rhodes took the responsibility of getting up the meetings and the first Sunday noon, asked Mr. Utley to give the lecture - He haughtily turned around and fixing his keen eye on Mr. Ford - "Mr. Utley do you know what you are asking me to do? You are asking me to degrade myself in the estimation of all the ministers of this State." - Mr. Utley gave notice himself, immediately after the benediction was pronounced. Mr. Utley called on your sister Pettis, while I was in town, and among other things, appeared exceedingly grieved that ^(church members) people could go two or three miles after a hard day's work to hear an anti-slavery lecture, but could not come to a preparatory lecture. Rev. Campbell started to come to the first lecture at the meeting house, but called at Mr. W. and came no further - He has had a long conversation with Mr. W. since my meeting closed, and thinks Mr. Utley has been most shamefully insulted - How these ministers feel their dignity - They can't come on to a level with women and "niggers" Mr. W. says "The blacks must be colonized - It is of no use to think of slaving them" I suppose he would go for the colonization of women unless he could kick his foot upon them -- While I was at Mr. Pettis' he went into Mr. W.'s and invited him to call, but he did not think it would be best. Yet said he would meet me well if I would call on him, and remarked that Dr. Thaddeus never called to consult him about lectures - he thought he had not been created with respect. I told Mr. Pettis he might say to Mr. W. "Don't you know I should be degrading myself in the view of all the

abolitionists of Mass. to call on a pro Slavery Minister" He told Mr. that I had brass enough in my face to make a fine-pail kettle. I think, however, all Mr. W. can do will not fail to rouse the spirit of inquiry that is now aroused - They thought it time to form a Society, and have got a Constitution in circulation - It is so busy a time they don't expect to do much till after Thanksgiving. Mr. Rhoads and a Webster in the east part of the town have subscribed for the Standard ones I have sent Mr. Whiting's name as local agent - He thinks he can get many subscribers also for the Liberator - Whiting is all alive and Mrs. Rhoads says that is sufficient assurance that it will go ahead - He says he shall carry resolutions on the subject before the church and that body shall not have quiet till it has done something - Mr. Rhoads is a mail driver in a fine place - I have no apprehensions of his dissenting - but the little handful who have taken up this cross, think they have heavy trials all about them, and are almost ready to give back - We can fully realize their feelings for they were once our own - I encourage them to faithfulness, telling them the fine wife have no power upon them if they stand on the true shield. I had a dear good time among your friends, they all seemed like own folks - Ben. and Sister Rhoads were just the stamp to make one comfortable - So affectionate - Tell Mr. that his sisters don't appear so ignorant as she did about women's talking - I think Ben. and sister Rhoads and Mr. Whiting will be at the singing meeting - On Thursday of last week they took Miss Smith's carriage and Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads with little Sarah, Mr. Whiting and myself, set forward on an exploring expedition - in search of free land. Sailed around the coasts of south Canada for a long time, but none would bear the touch stone even Mr. Freeman must not lose his influence with his church - and then touched at the corner but found no foot-hold till we arrived at Henry Higley's, where we were received with a hearty welcome - They had a meeting appointed in the school house that evening, and report said just before night that there would be a mob but the people only laughed at such a silly report. The meeting commenced and soon a poor brother was hushed from the meeting.

at you - it struck the desk just below me, and fell in fragments with
the sun on the floor - This was followed by stones, clubs and other missiles
breaking the glass and desk, and we were obliged to leave, the evening being so
dark the destroyers could not be detected. We had another meeting at H.
Higby's house on Saturday P.M. it being sunny former could attend - a good
number. The next Sabbath at five, in the Congregational meeting house were filled, as
quiet - It was threatened to be worse if another meeting was held in the evening,
so we had the meetings on Monday and Tuesday in the school house on the Plan.
A man by the name of Barnes from this place was there the last evening, and
having called on me in the afternoon, urged me to come here and see if some
thing could not be done, for although he was not an abolitionist, not being in-
formed on the subject, he wanted to be, and thought they would have meetings & com-

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of the next object to be able to pass any form of bill
extreme terms of the same, previous to the Co. pay, which
therefore hope you will go there — You are I am aware
have been on ground from which nothing, or little at
best, can be expected at the Co. Bank — That unit
will go away before grass semi-annuals are sown
an ideal condition will be then again, carry
all with you and so we are performed — There is H. P.
Houghly, and he agrees to this size — There can
almost since some few years, has an estimate.

over with him after meeting, and to my surprise the people of the country consented to have a meeting last evening - The Academy Hall was well filled, although but little notice was circulated - The audience was composed of some of the most respectable people in town, but a rabble collected about the house and harped all the evening, ringing the meeting-house bell most furiously, clapping hands, running up and down stairs, and shouting - A lawyer went out and tried to stop them, but in vain - The greatest inconvenience is ~~to~~ to me, ever my friends obliged to sit in line & then - was no - After closing, I heard only another meeting to night - It was at first reluctantly countenanced and contradicted, and finally agreed to have another meeting if I would be willing to risk the consequences - They would do what they could to quell the disturbance - They said they were not abolitionists, but were desirous to hear - I expect a hard struggle to night, but feel prepared for the worst - May the God of the slaves take, or permit, such means to be put in requisition, as shall most tend to his own glory, and spread the dawning of the day of righteousness.