

New York, April 13, 1851

Dear Bradburn,

I could not go home yesterday, as I had hoped to do, and it is somewhat uncertain what day I shall go. I therefore mention a part of the plan I had in view to keep you in Boston. It is that you establish a weekly paper in Boston--"the Anti-Slavery Constitutionalist"--to be devoted more particularly to the constitutional questions pertaining to slavery. There is immense need of such a paper, and I am confident it would be supported. Boston is of all places the one in which to establish it.

You need not mention the subject to Hildreth, for he is too much of a politician to be in favor of it. But you may speak with Mr. Sewall. I think he would favor it. The Commonwealth is a good for nothing paper--a mere worthless political sheet. There ought to be a radical one.

I have some other views to offer, in regard to the means of establishing it, and some subsidiary matters. But I have not room for them in this letter, and must therefore withhold them until I see you.

Yours truly,

L. Spooner

Love to all friends--