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Dear Bradburn,

I send you this morning's Commonwealth - "the last of the season".

The new paper you will see by the prospectors is to be the advocate of "Temperance, Human Freedom, and Protestantism." Which I suppose means "Maine Law, Free Soil, and Native Americanism". I understand the new paper has a large money capital furnished by the Orthodox. And who do you think is to be the Editor! Richard Hildreth! Is not that a marvel? That the time blue[?] saints should feel obliged to employ such a heretic to edit their organ? It shows that saintship feels itself to be decidedly below par in the market.

I saw Mr Sewall yesterday. He appeared to feel badly that the Commonwealth should be sold - from which I infer that he assented to it only on the compulsion of the other proprietors.

I cannot believe that the genuine anti-slavery portion of the community are going quietly to merge themselves in a Maine Law and Native American Party. If not, there will of course be a new paper.

I think if you were here, you might very likely make a bargain with Baldwin, or Wright, or both, or somebody else, to establish a thorough going ultra abolition paper. That should mean something.

I think the Free Soils leaders, especially Wilson, who seems to constitute at this time the visible Free Soil Party, will be broken down at the coming election. Certainly he must be, unless the Know Nothings [end]

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If you should seriously think of taking hold of a paper here, your only way, I think, would be to come here yourself immediately & before the ground is occupied. No one could act for you in making a bargain.