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My Dear Mrs. Stone -

I have recd another letter from Charles by yesterday's Mail & enquiring from it, that he did not send to you I will copy as much as I can of it. The Mail leaves very soon - We had just recd the letter sent after we heard of his being in prison - I told him, in that of the notices in different papers of him - "I hope you will preserve Dr. Holland's Obituary, for if he don't pay up what he owes me, I will write his epitaph. We had doubtless rather see my "ashes in place", than the real life live "squatter leader", who owed his life to constitutional ultraisms, "Failed in business"!!! What did the poor fellow do himself 'tis true he didn't do that for I believe he never failed to neglect to pay all demands against him - The Boston Friend, couldn't account for so quiet a person's heading an armed mob. Now they can account for the conduct of the quiet anti-slave catchers in N. York & old Mass, in opposing a law of Congress & not be able to account for my opposition to an edict of an irresponsible & ignorant petty, bribed judge is not quite plain to me - Your Slave Law is not a circumstance down black code, & if you people can be justified in making a show of opposition to it, we ought to be glorified for our conduct. I never saw human nature in the same form as it has been