

{Anti Slavery Office
{21 Cornhill Boston Oct. 25

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But before you leave Portland I want you to do a service in your line -- The enclosed circulars can you deliver them in person, and by making personal application at the time, gather up a Hundred or two of dollars for the present emergency. There was never before so glorious an opportunity for indoctrinating the public mind. -- Pray make your Portland people feel this (and then they will do something -- Shall our streets be still allowed to swarm with armed men, ready to strike down any one who dares to manifest the simplest feelings of humanity? If it must be that I am to leave to my daughter the inheritance of such a country of shame, she shall know ^{that} I, at least, did what I could to make it more decent. --

But I must write no farther. Duties press -- Give love to all the friends -- Yrs. truly Abby K. Foster

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Description: Letter to Elizabeth Mountfort from Abby Foster asking her to raise money for the anti-slavery movement.