

John N. Gardner to Thaddeus Hyatt

This letter, written from Buffalo by John N. Gardner, is addressed to Thaddeus Hyatt, president of the National Kansas Committee. Mr. Gardner relates the tale of Mrs. H.G. Hyzen of Waitsfield, Vermont, an ardent supporter of John Brown who claimed to have a clairvoyant vision of him in his prison cell. The entire letter is a passionate piece of correspondence, speaking frequently of liberty and the "Total Annihilation of that Scourge of Humanity, Human Slavery." The letter also mentions other abolitionists--Henry C. Wright and Mrs. Child--who wrote letters to John Brown. Though dated 1859, the letter must have been written in January 1860 after Brown's execution on December 2, 1859.

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Thaddeus Hyatt Esq
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New York

Sir I have

with enclose you a poem
dedicated to our Martyr Friend
John Brown - from the
inspired Pen of Our truly
devoted Champion of Liberty
M^{rs} F. C. Hyatt - of Waitfield
Vermont - I have visited the
Noble Woman since my interview
with you on Christmas Day
and find her soul full of
Love for that Noble Old
Hero & Friend of the Slave

Since she has read the
daring letters of Henry C.
Wright to John Brown - Gov
Wells & others - published in
the Herald & those of M^{rs}

Child & the God Like
 Parker in the ^{work} of
 Dec 31st She ~~very~~ regrets
 that she did not write
 in accordance with Her
 promptings "to that good Old
 Hero while in Prison at
 Charleston - Adding Her
 might of comfort to his
 fettered spirit secured in
 its mantle form -

She informs me that
 the poem was prompted by
 Her clairvoyant sight -
 seeing him sitting before
 her (at the date of the poem)
 Bound as he was in Prison
 waiting the allotted time
 noted out by a Virginia
 Tribunal to send his noble
 spirit to its celestial home
 "The form of the Good Old
 Hero was so vividly im-
 pressed

upon Her Brain that she
at once selected his picture
from a pictorial sheet which
I took with me - (with
the name suppressed) and
handed her before your
Photographs reached her.

I find the Vermont
people all ready to buckle
on the armor & agitate
the question of Human
Rights - universal Freedom
and a total annihilation of
that Scourge of Humanity
Slavery - Noble little
Vermont always stands on
the initiative of Liberty with
her noble men & women
to write or speak for
the oppressed may she
long live ~~and~~ & give her
testimony for Freedom - Come
& that the fairest daughters.

John Gardner
June 1859