

**John Brown to Mary L. Stearns**

Charleston, West Virginia, 29 November 1859.

Autograph letter signed, 1 page + docket.

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Charlestown, Jefferson Co Va. 29.<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1859.

Mrs George L Stearns

Boston

Mass

My Dear Friend

No letter I have received since my imprisonment here, has given [*inserted: me*] more satisfaction, or comfort; than yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. I am quite cheerful: & was never more happy. Have only time write you a word. May God forever reward you & all yours. My love to All who love their neighbours. I have asked to be spared from having any mock; or hypocritical prayers made over me, when I am publicly murdered: & that my [*inserted: only*] religious attendants be poor little, dirty, ragged, bare headed, & barefooted Slave Boys; & Girls; led by some old grey headed Slave Mother.

Farewell,      Farewell,

Your Friend

John Brown

[*docket*]

Please

Mail This to her

[*docket*]

Nov. 29 –

Farewell letter

from

John Brown

to

Mrs. G.L. Stearns

1859

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Notes: The location is recorded as Charlestown, Virginia which is present-day Charleston, West Virginia.