

July.^a If you choose to send them to me all in a lump, I will try to get them printed^a in that way. I don't^a care about them if you choose to reserve or to print them elsewhere; but I can better^a make a use for them at this season than at any other.

Yours,
Horace Greeley.

H. D. Thoreau,
Concord,
Mass.

Correspondent: See p. 61.

¹ Greeley had proposed more than once that T write about "Ralph Waldo Emerson, his Works and Ways"; see pp. 107 and 108, note 2.

² Apparently, Greeley had returned T's Canada trip manuscript for revision; a month before he had suggested that T divide it into "three or four articles" (see pp. 102 and 103).

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Editor's Note

This letter is endorsed in pencil "Greeley".

Author's Alterations

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From Horace Greeley

May 26, 1852

New York, May 26^a, 1852

Friend Thoreau:

I duly received your package^{1,a} and letter, and immediately handed over the former to C. Bissell,² Editor of The Whig Review, asking him to examine it fully, and tell me what he could give for it, which he promised to do. Two

or three days afterward, I left for the West without having heard from him. This morning, without having seen your letter, having reached home at 1 o'clock, I went to Bissell at 9, and asked him about the matter. He said he had not read all the MS. but had part of it, and inquired if I would be willing to have him print part and pay for it. I told him I could not consent without consulting you, but would thank him to make me a proposition in writing, which I would send you. He said he would do so very soon, whereupon I left him.

I hope you will acquit me of negligence in the matter, though I ought to have acknowledged the receipt of your package. I did not, simply because I was greatly hurried, trying to get away, and because I momentarily expected some word from Bissell.

Yours,
Horace Greeley.

H. D. Thoreau, Esq.
Concord,
Mass.

Correspondent: See p. 61.

¹ T had sent Greeley 201 pages, grouped in five chapters, of the Canada manuscript.

² Champion Bissell (1830-1899), son of Josiah and Henrietta Perkins Bissell of Rochester, New York, graduated from Yale in 1850. In 1854 he married Josephine Wales (1832-1919), daughter of John and Anne Patten Wales. Bissell edited the *American Whig Review*, which was published from January 1845 to December 1852. Its authors included Edgar Allan Poe and James Russell Lowell, as well as Daniel Webster, Edward Everett, and Greeley. Bissell became a lawyer but devoted himself to editorial and literary pursuits.

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