Amesbury 1st 6 Mo 1860

My dear fd

I greatly regret
that I was called
away from Newport
by my company, &
obliged to forgo the
pleasure of my contemplated
call at thy
house, where I hoped
to meet thy fds
Miss Clark & Chas. E.
Norton.

What good news from Italy-Garabaldi in Palermo! -Would that

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we could live to see Italy united under Victor Emanuel & Rome cleansed of priests & monkery, a free & Christian city. I, for one, do not wish to see the Eternal city, under its present rulers. I should have neither eye nor ear for Art, while humanity around me groaned under the nightmare of priestcraft.

Very truly thy friend

John G. Whittier