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Notes: 1. The second signature is that of Thomas Hughes, whom Lowell visited in Chester at this time, during his appointment as Ambassador to Great Britain.
2. The “Stanzas on Freedom” were sung at the Anti-Slavery Picnic in Dedham, 1 August 1843.