

43 Pine Street,
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Dear Sir: Some persons here, and many, I suppose, in the South, are of the opinion that I was one of the prime movers in the Harpers Ferry Folly. I had nothing to do, and never expect to have anything to do, with any such ill-advised proceeding. It is impossible for us to achieve victory on the Brown basis. I hope we shall have no more such foolhardy expeditions. Let all good Anti-slavery men reserve their strength until the final struggle comes, which is, perhaps, not far off. Meanwhile please favor me, if you can, with a copy (or, if you will lend me the letter, I'll return it to you if you desire it.)of the letter I wrote you some time since disapproving you circular. I wish to show a friend here exactly what I said on the subject.

H.R. Helper

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