

Petersboro June 12, 1860

Lysander Spooner

My dear Sir,

Your letter came last evening & I have already mailed a copy of it to Mr Sedgwick in Washington. I feel that there is great force in the argument by which you maintain them & I think that Mr Sedgwick will be the subject of like-feeling. Most earnestly do I hope that a course may be marked out in which you will both concur. What is the true cause I am too little of a lawyer to say. In this light of what you say I should prepare a suit against each publisher containing with him all the Committee. But perhaps Mr Sedgwick could argue me out of this pre\_\_\_\_\_. You are clearly right in holding up said publication \_\_\_\_\_ to law. Neither as a distinct offense in the past of the Committee. One publication by itself to impress the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tribune another the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ &c. &c.

\_\_\_\_\_ the kind help of Mr Leader[?]. Please make my regards  
when \_\_\_\_\_ Truly yours

Gerrit Smith