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My D Sir,

I thank you for you letter of 22^d instant & for the copu of Mr _____ letter _____.

When Mr Sedgwick was here we talked of you Argument in the Phelps case. He pronounced it (& as I thought justly) admirable & conclusive. But he believed that in the circumstances we could not use it to effect. I _____ that he might be right in this. But I thought that we might hereafter conclude[?] to yo[?] _____ in the strength of this argument. Let us wait awhile in this Phelps case. Your Argument will not spoil.

Your Argument for the sufficiency of the evidence against the whole Committee I was entirely satisfied with, & I should have been _____ to have them all proceeded against on the strength of that argument. I wish Mr Sedgwick had taken the same view of it. We will be patient with him, & let him for a time go on as he prefers[?]. He may ere long change his minf - of id he does not, I may _____ the _____ of expressing my choice of proceeding. He will abruptly comform it it, He is a bright amiable, & noble man!

For [ILLEGIBLE] from any further connexion with the case. For two reasons I cannot 1st Because Y[?] value your symmetry[?] too highly to ~~to~~ dispense with them. If not _____ just now, they may be hereafter. 2^d Because I am determined that you who have done so much for the Anti-slavery cause & have so poorly paid for it shall at last get something for fighting against slavery & its supporters. I mean you shall have _____ my son in law. _____ you yourself have where he employed you.

I appeal to your magnaminty. Go on writing to Mr Sedgwick & me from time to time your views of the courses _____ taken. You will _____ for their rejection. They may not all be rejected. More of them may be though be abopted - though the adoption of some may be partial.

There is no longer in the land whose name I am willing to _____ yours.

I will write you _____ a _____ _ _____ how thinkgs here stand-

Very respectfully

Your friend

Gerrit Smith

P.S. [ILLEGIBLE]