

Petersboro

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L Spooner

My d Sir

How you love labor! & how well you perform it! I find on my return home the few sheets of your new pamphlet. I have not yet read a single page of them. But my knowledge of your past writings inspires me with faith in these. I rejoice to see this new Breakwater[?] against the flood of the Republican Party.

I have been _____ & seen Sedgwick this _____. They acquiesce fully in your arguments against trying a publisher. Nine of the publishers will be tried, provided they _____ themselves & do not endeavor to _____ the Committee. But they are afraid to _____ the whole Committee in a single suit. They are afraid of lacking testimony. They wish to _____ Sherman first -for they have proof enough against him. But both Barlow & Sherman have succeeded in getting such an extension of time for putting in their answer, that we cannot try them at the next Circuit in this County - _____ the last of this month. So the trials will have to go _____ to next March.

Sedgwick says _____ the lawyer in _____ _____ be employed to hunt up testimony has met with his little _____.

Your friend

Gerrit Smith

P.S. _____ - going to work in 2 or 3 days at to about 2 weeks.