

Petersboro Sept 22 '60

Lysander Spooner Esq.

My dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of 22d touching the Libel Suits. I have just finished a letter to Mr Sedgwick in which I say:

The same mail which brings you this letter & brings me one from Mr Spooner. I send it to you. I have from the past regarded his Argument in favor of suing all the Committee as conclusive, \_\_\_\_\_ that we should not thereby lack testimony 2- that the change of Venue would not truly become possible[?]. I confess that whilst in regard to testimony I have little or no fear, I have \_\_\_\_\_ in regard to the change of Venue. You see that Mr. Spooner assures we are safe in respect to the Venue, & that his assumption is based on your emphatic words.

I am glad that Mr Spooner proposes to go to New York. I tell him to go. His clean head & perceiving & have \_\_\_\_\_ will be likely to find out something there.

Please enclose me Mr Spooner's letter-"

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I send you Mr Sedgwick's letter. Please return it.

Sherman's answer is \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ to my, is in Europe.

The Answer says that the Central Association & its subsidiary Association & the founding of it by John Brown were facts.

\_\_\_\_\_ says that I, in a letter to John Brown, June 4 '59, spoke of "Kansas Work."

[Brown de \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ address \_\_\_\_\_ Apr 12 '59 which \_\_\_\_\_ & in which he describes his "Kansas Work." He was then on his way from Kansas home.]

\_\_\_\_\_ objects of my Address to the slavers in 1842 - Why it should I know now, since the Address forbids[?] bloodshed -I send you a copy of the Address.

It also questions pages 321 & 395 from my Volume of speeches in Congress.

It also says that I was, at the time of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Manifesto, prominent among those spoken of for President of the United State! & that its \_\_\_\_\_ to me was political & not

personal[?]

It says nothing about my Letter to John \_\_\_\_\_ in which I \_\_\_\_\_  
insurrection. I presume the Counsel[?] had found out it at such \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in my habit- & that I fo against bloodshed. See speeches in  
Congress, page 201-

It then \_\_\_\_\_ will the correspondence between S. Miller[?] &  
Barlow.

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I am glad you will go to New York. If it is understood then,  
that we are hunting for testimony. My preparatory to \_\_\_\_\_ all the  
Committee then will all the Committee be eager to settle the matter.

Had that Committee behaved in \_\_\_\_\_ only way \_\_\_\_\_ one where I  
was in New York, the matter would \_\_\_\_\_ have then been ended. If  
instead of trying to screw down three men whose reputation they had  
\_\_\_\_\_ they had asked me to dictate the terms of settlement, they  
would be such magnanimity have made our affectional appeal to my  
magnanimity. Perhaps I would have named a small a sum as one  
thousand dollars for each of the 31 to pay. For I might have though  
\$31,0000 a sum large enough to send the news into many \_\_\_\_\_ & comes  
of the land that the Manifesto is a Libel.

How can these 31 menm if there is any flesh in their hearts,  
\_\_\_\_\_ to have this manifesto stand against \_\_\_\_\_ a day longer!

You will better know what to say \_\_\_\_\_ them I can  
advise. Enclised is my \_\_\_\_\_ for \$30 to pay your expenses.

Your friend,

Gerrit Smith