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Gerrit Smith Esq.

Dear Sir,

I went to New York on the 8th and returned as far as here last night. From interviews with three of the Committee, I became satisfied that there would probably be no denial of facts on the part of the committee, or that, if there should, there would be no difficulty in proving them - that the contest, if there should be one, will be to prove that you have either counseled or participated in movements so nearly like those charged, that little or no essential injustice has been done, and that you ought to recover but small damages, if any - From Mr Barlows affidavit, which I presume you will have seen before this reaches you, you will get their grounds of the defence. I will report to you more fully from Boston. Please send me a copy of Mr Barlow's affidavit if you have one.

Yours truly

L. Spooner