

Petersboro

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Lysander Spooner Esq.

My dear Sir

I mailed to you yesterday a Ly_____ Paper containing the retraction[?]. I hope that it simple & brief terms will _____ you. Simple & brief as they are, I regard them as sufficient.

I will not _____ a settlement & am _____ . They were deeply sorry for what they had done & in the light of it ___ I was more full of tears than of _____ . They had suffered much under their sense of the wrong they had done me.

I told them to add to the retraction a writing that they would have it published extensively all North South & that they would pay all [ILLEGIBLE] three thousand dollars to _____ my Counsel - The did all promptly & handsomely. To you have gone \$2300, to Sedgwick & his partners \$700. If ___ a young lawyer in which (Mr. Dodge) #10[?] for making inquiries whish Mr Sedgwick _____ him to making others.

"Alas, well that and well."

I hope for great good from Liberator's Elections. We case ___ 16 Abolition when in this little town.

Y. friend

Gerrit Smith