

Petersboro

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Lysander Spooner Esq.

My dear Sir

I left home 17th ultera[?] for Washington. On my return I was _____ a fortnight in N York by a _____ operation. I reached here yesterday. Have, I trust, getting well.

On my table are 150 letters waiting for answers. Yours is among them. I thank you for it & also for the printed binding[?] of the pamphlet.

I thought your Currency Plan to be very original _____ & _____. I shall think so. I inst[?] it might have a trial. But I must believe the _____ onvestment. I am 65 years old. I am _____ down my property among as fast as possible[?]. I am doing what I am for my _____ for _____. & I hope to _____ my means as to be able _____ to be a frequent _____.

So you had to let your old friend Howe go! This is better than to worry yourself about the thing.

Excuse my haste,

Your friend

Gerrit Smith