

Petersboro Nov 6th 1863

Lysander Spooner

My dear Sir

Your letter was last evening finding me in poor health. It kept me awake nearly all night. How shall I account for such a letter? I supposed that you numbered me amongst your truest friends. Have you been imposed upon by some forgery or some slander? Will you not explain to me why you have written me such a letter?

You ask for your letters - that is reason enough for my sending them to you. My clerk will immediately begin to search through my bundles of letters from 1844 to the present time. You shall have all we have tho I cannot assure you that it will be all I have received from you - from my correspondence being so large I do not _____ one letter in ___ all I receive.

You ask what you shall do with my letters to you & whether you shall return them or burn them. As I have no curiosity to see them you can burn them.

I will send yours in a day or two by express.

With _____ desire for your happiness

I remain

Your friend

Gerrit Smith

P.S. I return to you herewith your last letter to me. I take no copy of it not of any other letter ever rec'd from you.