Lake View, Rochester, N.Y.

August 22, ?

Dear Sir,

I was summoned here [?] to attend upon a sick child. I have had no time to read you Book, except what I got in the Carr [sic]. Still I am ____ say [?] that so far as I have read I cannot deny the correctness of your argument. Did you see the editorial articles in a late [?] N.Y. Tribune, taking similar views on some points?

The particular object of my writing now is to make a suggestion to you ____ w? The decision of ______ McLean, just published. I want you to review it. Let the review be enough for 3 pages of a (fool’s cof?) sheet in pretty large type, addressed to the Bar of the United States. You might quote from your Book & thus have it done very soon. Compress as much matter as possible into the 3 pages.

I will then endeavor to send a copy to each lawyer in the U.S. In a P.S. you might refer to your entire work to thus let makes [?] know where it can be found. At any rate, such a circular, of sent[?] very soon, would be extensively read. Hopefully [?] create a demand for your work. Your former plan will be more materially [?] considered when I am all _____ _____ NY.

Your truly,

L. Tappan [?]

Let me know if you will do it.