

Summit Point, West Ca

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Lysander Spooner

Dear Sir,

I rec'd your favor of the 28th May, &, also, the pamphlets, you so kindly sent me; And am truly gratified with your promise to send me mine; as I always read all your writings with pleasure & instruction; & properly sympathize with you as a reformer.

The Gentleman, who delivered to you my message, Mr Hoyt, is connected with the New England History Geneologic society & have come into correspondence, in regard to, on, rather in connection with a biography he is writing of a Gentleman I well knew in early life. It was a good opportunity, & I requested him to present to both yourself, &, to Arthur Austin my kindest regards if living, as I hoped you were; as I had had no correspondence[?] with either of you for several years. You may remember that I came into correspondence with Mr Austin thro' you, in regard to the proper translation of some passage (I think) in Aristophanes: I exchanged some have dozed letters with him & formed a very high opinion of him in ___ respects, as a man of ability, a fine scholar, & noble minded Gentleman, & was truly sorry to learn from Mr Hoyt of his departure from the midst of the living correspondant I have high regard for. Before I have heard, from Mr Hoyt, his report of you, I am truly pleased, in the receipt of your letter, to find (from what you have been doing, & are still doing in the cause of reform, & truth) that, I may still hope to hear from you; & read your ringing utterances, & pamphlets, not only in regard yo false ideas, & false, tyrannical & _____ legislations, but those in which you clearly demonstrate, that all statutes of men, interfering with the divine science of nature's laws & principles, are, & only can be profoundly wicked, viscious, & absurd. I sincerely wish your many days of life, happiness, & vigor of mind & _____, _____ that you usefulness to men may be prolonged; but especially that you may enjoy the pints of your labors in their behalf: I think they are becoming visible in the _____ inquiries of the masses throughout the Earth. Yours very truly

Jn A. Thomson