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Dear Mr. Spooner

I want to thank you for your beautiful and most appreciative notice of my lecture. Shared it to Mr. Niles who promised to have it published in the Commonwealth.

So for the pamphlets "No Treason," that war of \_\_\_ to misfortune. In the first place, being very much preoccupied, I was thoughtless enough to forget it. Then I read about half of it and was so much interested that I took it with me to finish in the cars, for I had an engagement to visit a friend, who lived at some distance. It began to rain, I took the wrong car, had a series of mishaps, and on reaching home found that I had lost my "No Treason." I had several bundles, and the little pamphlets must have slipped from among them unnoticed.

I am sure you will be kind enough to excuse me, and let me have another. I want to finish the pamphlet before expressing any opinion of it, but I am afraid I shall not be able to accept it unconditionally. It seems to me that you should be sufficiently loyal to the truth you wish to express to promulgate it in a way that would render it acceptable to others. Thus too I should not call governments bands of robbers and assassins. They are horribly imperfect and unsatisfactory, because we are as undeveloped. There is a fitness \_\_\_? between these and the condition of the rare \_\_\_ we could form a better one. They have a work to accomplish, there is a truth in there; they ought not to be weight overthrowers and developed into higher forms.

That is my theory, but I ought not to argue the \_\_\_ \_\_\_ I never read the work of your pamphlet. Please d\_\_\_ to send to me \_\_\_ one.

Very truly yours, Virginia Vaughan

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