

Your very interesting letter of the 18 was not
rec^d until after I had prepared my answer
to find Stedman's letter, ~~of as you avoid your interests~~
~~to write I did not~~ ~~other name I should~~ I did not ~~make use~~
~~have made use~~ of ~~any~~ portions of it in that ~~reply~~
nor had I the remotest idea of sending you a
copy of ~~my~~ ~~that~~ ^{my} reply until after I rec^d yours

It then ~~that's~~ ^{strictly} ~~con~~ ~~that~~ ~~consider~~ ~~how~~ ~~much~~
~~that~~ ~~it~~ ~~would~~ ~~be~~ ~~proper~~ ~~to~~ ~~let~~ ~~you~~ ~~know~~ ~~what~~ ~~I~~
had done ~~in order that you might avoid any wrong~~ ~~implications~~ ~~if~~ ~~any~~ ~~I~~ ~~had~~ ~~given~~
~~property~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~day~~ ~~so~~ I was confirmed in the
~~leaving~~ ~~this~~ ~~community~~ ~~which~~ ~~this~~ ~~attacks~~ ~~matters~~
has ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~cause~~ I was confirmed in the
propriety of ~~keep~~ ~~again~~ ~~sending~~ ~~you~~ ~~a~~ ~~copy~~ ~~of~~ ~~what~~
~~I~~ ~~can~~ ~~do~~ - I enclose ~~you~~ ~~find~~
If I ~~can~~ ~~send~~ ~~my~~ ~~reply~~ ~~to~~ ~~Stedman's~~ ~~concerning~~ ~~any~~ ~~on~~ ~~I~~
or ~~my~~ ~~reply~~ ~~to~~ ~~Stedman's~~ ~~concerning~~ ~~any~~ ~~on~~ ~~I~~
a copy is not strictly proper - My apology ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~sent~~ ~~to~~ ~~you~~ ~~but~~ ~~is~~ ~~sent~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~cause~~ ~~first~~ ~~&~~

Dear friend I doubted whether ~~to take up your~~ ^{if you wish to give your letter this destination or not} or not to send you this letter of Mr Stedman which I rec^d today - but as I have taken a copy I concluded to let it go to head quarters - & at same time to ~~inform~~ say that that I shall reply to it ~~in substance as follows~~ ^{& I hope I need not say shall send forward of my own}

~~that I do not know nor care to turn your religious opinions for observing & expressing testimony of your character as a man & a Christian - from long personal observations & acquaintance in no halting or equivocal manner - but from which I have annually & always that light of reason I have come at last to abhor them as~~ ^{but from your works}

In short if my ~~testimony~~ ^{found on personal basis} shall be considered as sufficient good authority

I will shall put that clerical libel to death by ~~republic~~ ^{the next mail} or perhaps I may wait until I hear from you & if you think it worth while as I do not - any of your valuable time to furnish me ~~with any of your writing~~ ^{of course} touch the charges, I will send them furnished or any other ^{suggestion} I do not know or care to turn your religious opinions nor of any other with whom I act in the greater moral cause of

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