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My dear Friend

I have not heard from you or of you since we parted in Richmond. In the interval my thoughts have been almost entirely occupied by two subjects — the institution of my great domestic law and the affairs of America — the latter the more so I am not an hour in the day without having my mind occupied with them. I have just finished hurriedly a second edition of Professor Cairnes book "The Slave Power" which has been increased by fully one half & is greatly enriched by later dispensation besides other new matter. I dare think a great session could be done to the cause than to promote its sale by all means within the reach of the friends of the Free States. This book has gained him a great American reputation & is now constantly referred to as a present authority.

I am on intimate terms with him & have been in constant communication with him for months. He is a modest, self-contained & a very able writer, letting his facts & his arguments speaking his statements with the most conscientious care. He told me lately he felt ashamed at the elevation in which he was placed by some of his critics – I am really ashamed sometimes I think how much longer you have been laboring in the same field & how much more you have done. Knowing the precision & his own efforts, I feel estimate them at more than those of a heavy of wood & a drawer of water for the cause, & I only mention it to show you the kind of man he is. Having his permanency secured on the broad shoulders of his success – since I wrote he paid his notes as it falls – I can't help wishing that such a wealthy American as your uncle & Mr Peabody would take a little leaside endeavours to make it better known. He is in my mind the ablest

both on the subject ever written.

I send you a book by Madame Lampel that the Kinsky lent me & I have shamefully detained — also a little book selected by myself, in memory of a beloved friend long since deceased. Some of the little touches may amuse you.

Have you seen De Witt Affairs & Democracy & do you know De Witt? — or his thoughts, his translator.

Sphinx book has been translated into French. Could not somebody translate Carlyle?

Have you read the correspondence between Edwin Field an English barrister & Charles Loring, an American lawyer on the state of things between the two countries? Loring sent it to Carlyle who lent it to me.

In great haste your ever

Rich B Webb