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Rev & Dear Sir,

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I have delayed answering yours of the 23^d. ult; expecting to see some of the people of Meriden with whom I might confer on the subject. I have thought it best to delay no longer, lest you should think I had forgotten the matter. I ~~can~~ should have preferred to have given you their opinions. & if I ~~can~~, I can only give you my own. I think then, that there is so much feeling on the subject of Abolition there that a considerable number of the most influential members of the parish, would not listen at all to a proposition to settle or even to hear one so famous as yourself on this subject. - I think this very unwise & unaccountable. But the excitement has been great, & will cool down in time, but it is not yet cooled down. - In the mean time, I should be glad to see you there, & will tell them what I think of you - and if any thing transpires of any importance to you, I will inform you. But I have no expectation, that the proposition even to hear you will be listened to.

Yours affectionately
Nathl. W. Taylor.



