

Petersboro

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Lysander Spooner

My d Sir

On my return home evening before last, after and absence of ten days, I found your two letters & a copy of your letter of 1st instant to Mr Howe. I have just finished the readinf of it. I felt, while reading it, that I should not like to be in his jacket. I could see him _____ & the blook spurt under your increasingly heavy blows. Suffer he must from your unmeasured interpretation - but more from you merciless logic. He might indeed endure the interpretation were it not backed by the lofic.

The case is a strange one. Of the innocence value of your point there would have been no doubt even in his own eyes. Why then did he not use it? He prepared _____, in your answer. But in the point would have justified the Commission[?] in the evening the Patent why should Howe have meen unwilling to pay you a thousand or two dollars for it? Can it be that he found tha the _____ would whether with or without _____ in arguments _____ for a certain _____ & for us _____ & that _____ be Home had nothing to gain my _____ the right to use your point, even though he would have punished your existence.

I complu with your request & return your letter to Howe.

Your friend

Gerrit Smith