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East 12th Street

No 133

Hon CB. Sedgwick -

My dear Sir.

I have been here for a few days & am to leave for home next Tuesday. But I am to be several days on my way home.

Yesterday Mr Barlow of the Committee called on me & I just nearly _____ with me in the presence of John Cochrane.

Mr B admitted that the Committeee had done me great wrong & said that they were willing t[sic] retreat and pay my counsel fees but no more. I declined his terms of compromise.

I told him that we had no _____ with the publishers, _____ they did nothing to secure the Committee. I told him further that Mr _____ Mr _____ all the Committee together if we had been _____ (if sufficient testimony to convict them- Mr Barlow spoke with apparent candor & frankness. A considerable part of the Committee he pronounced to be entirely innocent - But he did not appear to doubt the legal liability of the remainder.

But for two things I would re_____ that they have not all been _____ together my 1st in such a _____ the argument for a change of venue would have been much stronger. 2nd And if changed the chance of their success in the trial much greater. There could _____ be a _____ in which that would not be a friend of some one of the Committeee. Mr Spooners argument for suing _____ very strong to me - and perhaps it would _____ be best to do it. They would settly quicker in that case should there be no change of venue.

Your friend,

Gerrit Smith