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Boston

Dear Sir

I am in the receipt of your letter of the 13th. The for of petition is excellent. I will lay it before the Ex. Com. of the new Society, I doubt not they will circulate it for signatures. It would be best to defer sending the argument to the C. I suppose until the petitions had been purchased, would it not?

If we can get intelligent lawyers to examine the argument we shall do that to circulate, but a lawyer told me lately that not on lawyer in ten has ever read the Constitution of the U.S.

The com. gave me some authority about your pamphlet, but I have been considering how \$100 could be appropriated so as to benefit you as well as give circulation to the pamphlet. You have parted with the copy right, & therefore do not receive a cent on the sale of your work. On the 19th I wrote to Mr Marsh to know if he was disposed to sell the copy right & if so what he would take for it. I also asked him how many copies he had on hand & the _____ price he would take for the whole. He has not yet replied. When I get his answer, I will write to you again.

Mr Smith had written to me what he wrote to you. He thinks we had best send \$100 to you to enable you to distribute the value of the money in your book among such persons as you think proper. He says you would probably put as many of them into the hands of lawyers.

I recd a Liberator, in which, I suppose the article about P Williamson was written by you. I _____ his apparent concussion[?], but have reason to believe that _____ & his friends do not think any was made.

Yours truly

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