

Petersboro

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My d Sir,

I thank you for your letter recd last evening. My anser to yours _____ you have, I _____, received this.

I am deeply affected by what you say of the [SMUDGED] of Mr Livingston & Mr Phelps. I send you herewith a copy of the letter to W_____, which it has drain[?] from me. It was to Me Coch_____ & not to myself, that Mr. Livingston wrote.

I write again to W Sedgwick to send you _____ of Sherman's _____ & Barlow's Affidavit. I trust that they have already done so.

Of course Mr Barlow can find enough to convince a jury that I know no law for slavery, & that I am what he calls a slave stealer. But he will find nothing to implicate me in bloodshed.

Your friend

Gerrit Smith

P.S. I wonder[?] with yoy that Barlow should ask I change the venue from Mad. Co. where, by his own showing, he has so many witnesses here. As to the _____ in this county, I have often))) in end against _____ about that very point.