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John A Thompson Esq.

Dear Sir,

I recd yours of the 7th not being a Greek scholar, I handed your letter to a friend, Arthur W. Austin, whose scholarship is undoubted, and requested him to furnish the translations. He has kindly done so, and I inclose them. He said he thought you would probably prefer verified translations, and has therefore given them. But if you prefer prose, he will give them. He has a prose translation in his library. ~~He will copy any other parts you may desire.~~ He said there were other _____ having similar references to these, and if you desire it, he will copy them.

I inclose some printed translations of his own, also a piece on _____ that appears to be original.

He said a person of your name was formerly editor of the Southern Literary Messenger, and inquired whether you were the person. I could not tell him, but would be glad to do so.

I received your two articles on Money, and had also received several others before. I have not felt able to give you my comments on them, because to do so satisfactorily to you or to myself would have required more time than I could spare. I supposed too, that you did not expect it. I am making very satisfactory progress with my treatise, although it will doubtless be some months before it can be printed. But when printed, I think you will see that I have discussed the subject very thoroughly and I am at least discussing it very differently from other writers. You may rely upon having a copy as soon as it is out.

Very truly yours

Lysander Spooner