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Dear Sir,

To day's National Exa. Just rec^d here, contains an Article of mine concerning which I wish to give you a word of explanation.

I is I believe the last of the MSS[?] which was in the hands of the Editor, when I recd your first Letter. _____ I think I wrote you that I thought I may have made some allusion to a quotation from you in one article which I then supposed might be obviously in type. ___ This I think to be that article. The printers have so divided sub-divided, & deferred my articles that I hardly recognize them, as am able to keep the run of them when they appear. One Letter is divided into two or three. And one week nothing of mine appeared.

This will account to you for the appearance of this Article, so long after our Correspondence Commenced. I hope its reference to you will be useful & not injurious to you ____ But if you prefer it, I will displace it, on any future re-print of the Article. ___ I neither wish to injure or annoy you.

The future articlea in the Exa[?] I think I have so prepatad that you will find no fault with them.

Yours truly

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