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Gentlemen,

I have to return you my thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of an "Essay on the Trial by Jury by M^r L. Spooner."

You desire my opinion as to the work. I would be very willing to give it, but I suppose you wish me for publication, and such as (as far as my name could have any influence) would increase the circulation of the work.

I do not think I can in this respect meet your wishes. M^r Spooner's work is written with great research and shows Evident ability. It is clearly and strongly put. There are some points on which I quite agree with him. But on the whole my notions as to the "Trial by Jury" its proper scope and functions, differ widely from his, and I am far from Concurring in the main results as which he arrives.

To say less than this would be writing in frankness. To say more might appear deficient in courtesy. Removing my thoughts therefore Gentlemen, for your politeness,

I am Very Resp & Your Obdt Servt,

Theodore Sedgewick

Messrs

John P Jewett

Boston Mass.