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Dear Sir,

I advise you to read the debates of the Convention which formed the Constitution; the Federalist; Story on the Constitution; Jefferson's Notes on Virginia; Jefferson's writings generally; and especially the autobiography of Ben Franklin, but all his writings; the works of Alexander Hamilton, the writings of
John Adams Hammond: Political History of New York, the editorial article of the New York Tribune from 1841 to 1870, De Pauwville on the Political Systems of the United States, and Dr. Chalmers' Provocative Essay on the States Union. These are the most important contributions to the philosophy and history of American politics that I now think of, but I do say there are others.

Pardon me for not giving you anything like an exhaustive list.

The moment that I devote to the dictations of this letter is literally matched from incessant occupations that hardly leave me time to breathe.

J. A. Dana.