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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;
Jeffersons Notes on Virginia; Jeffersons
writings generally; not merely the
autobiography of Ben Franklin, but
all his writings; the works of
Alexander Hamilton; the writings of

Julius Chambers Esq

John

John Adams; Hammond's Political
History of New York; the editorial
articles of the New York Tribune from
1841 to 1870; De Toqueville on the
Political Systems of the United States,
and M. Chamberlain's Pouvoirs Exécutifs
aux Etats-Unis. These are the most
important contributions to the philosophy
and history of American politics that
I now think of; but I dare say
there are others.

Pardon me for not giving you
anything like an exhaustive list.
The moment that I devote to the dictation
of this letter is literally snatched
from incessant occupations that
hardly leave me time to breathe.

Yours respectfully
C. A. Dana.