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My dear John,

I have been with singular satisfaction you reply to the address of the meeting at Washington Hall. It is unexceptional to censure any conduct or argument. But Wells who was with us when it appears here in his paper excited the sneers of the type by which his competitors have compassed the actual. I see that it goes its way into the other newspaper and this among the indications of the advance of the question as very considerable. I quite confidently look for a reaction on the side as soon as the question can be presented in the aspect it has acquired.

Very sincerely and respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

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