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Albany May 5th 1842.

My dear Sir,

Your letter of yesterday was received and read with much satisfaction. I am glad to hear you express the outbreak of paper which occurs at the close of the election. And I regret that your generosity on that subject cannot yet be appreciated.

I agree with you in regarding the passage of the Meadors Bill as fortunate, since notwithstanding the ill grace with which that measure was adopted and the officious and gaudy spirit which marks it the proceeding is an acknowledgment of the vices of the old system and its unequal operation. It is perhaps unfortunate that the bill has quite unexpectantly been rendered so obnoxious that the public attention will still be directed to the subject. Every step in the history of this stage, containing success the strength of those who demand reform and the weakness of those who cling to error lest the good connected with it may be lost.

In all next week I hope to be in the city, unless when I return by Tuesday or always, Your sincere friend
The Rt. Rev. Bishop Hopkins, William W. Sewall

