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Auburn April 20th 1849.

Dear Bishop,

It is long since I have directly heard from you but I have always with pleasure your literary labors, and with much interest your polemics against the uncharitable spirit of the day.

Mr Seth C. Hawley of Buffalo a faithful friend of mine has just written to me in substance that a plan is being maturing at that place to draw you into an action for libel in this wise. A lawyer then proposes to draft a letter to you to be signed by a Mr S C Coulter who is mentioned in a recent communication of yours published in the newspapers - with the purpose of provoking from you a libellous reply. Mr Hawley writes that considering the lawyer and his client the plot is a very shallow one, nevertheless he supposes that it might be useful to you to be informed.

I give you the information as well out of regard to yourself as from respect to Mr Hawley.

Should you desire to see this part of your despatches I shall be most happy to have you as my guest while in this vicinity.

With much respect and esteem,

I remain faithfully

Your friend and obedient servant  
William W. Sewing.

The Right Reverend Bishop Hughes.

