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Dear Mr. Tappan

Thank you for your letter. I thank you for your complimentary invitation to preside at the proposed meeting in the Park.

I must be excused. Owing to my ever pressing business & my daily infirmities I scarcely leave home. Besides, the best choruses have not been in your odor with me since they sang the praises of Henry Clay.

In haste

truly yours

Lewis Tappan

Samuel Smith

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