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Hon. Abner W. Sawyer,

Respected Guardian.

I would like to stretch my hand across the distance between us & shake your most hearty for the very able & very interesting article of yours in the Anti-Slavery on the "Defeat of the Closure Bill". I have no words to express my satisfaction & approval of that article. Neither would I add words to impose on your time by a thimble.

I am an old time Republican of the Sincere School, & was with him and kindred spirits that organized the Republican party in Illinois in '56. Since, I have ever labored for the great & noble objects the party then & since have had in view. Fifteen years since I came South for my health. My experience in the North & in the South has been somewhat to appreciate your article on the great importance of that historic measure.

Very respectfully,
Augustus Hammond.