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Dear Sir

Your issue of 29<sup>th</sup> ult. recd and  
carefully perused. The candid and candid manner  
in which you have upheld subordinates me to address  
you once again, with the impression that your  
time is too important to allow of any considerable  
portion of it to be consumed by obscure  
correspondents. This will be made as brief as  
possible. Most of what you say is admitted  
without question or argument. "Don't mind and  
read the whirlwind." Nothing true. We have  
known and must accept the harvest if not  
tomorrow say to day. Much of the dead em  
power is already being gathered and the better  
Harvest is on the lips of thousands here. Any  
minded man of ordinary intelligence and  
integrity regardless of the turbulence or  
turbulence of his Republic will readily admit

that many gross outrages have been perpetrated  
 on the negroes of the South possibly in some  
 instances by those who should exercise the  
 most pitiful paternal protection  
 towards all this wretched race. I suppose  
 for the same that I can not think it true  
 as a rule, you know there is a large class  
 every where, which is difficult to control and  
 that criminal community class is always  
 prone to do the deeds of violence and  
 the most defensible. I have never hesitated  
 to denounce acts of violence and oppression  
 towards the negro (or others) and am in every instance  
 accord with all your expressed sentiments except  
 as regards not violence on them who employ  
 force force towards man, without wishing  
 to appear as the apologists of crime in any  
 form even in that case your logical  
 conclusion is admitted in that if one thousand  
 men are justified in taking down 700000  
 in a minute so are one hundred or twenty  
 or more. For the sake of brevity allow  
 me to pass over most of your letter  
 and come to the final point of

This of two even in fact - was particularly  
 atrocious. We can not describe the  
 barbarity of such a deed. Having  
 suggested the means by which you can  
 inform yourself - will you do so. If  
 you find the Report to have been correct  
 and will kindly let me know the result  
 of your inquiries I believe that the  
 Perpetrators will be promptly punished  
 in proportion to the nature of their  
 crime. I at least will do all possible  
 to that end. If reasonably satisfied  
 that the charge was without foundation  
 your sense of Justice will no doubt  
 prompt you to correct it. Should I  
 be able to obtain absolutely trustworthy  
 information confirmatory or otherwise  
 of this affair with permission - will  
 be glad to give

yours Truly  
 C. J. Davis