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Dear Judge Bourgié:

I thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Heffland. I should like to keep it if you do not need it again, to put in my private collection of curious correspondence relating to Forum articles.

I have a paper in type to be published on the 25th of this month, by E. L. Godkin, undertaking to show what the general government can and what it cannot do in regard to the vote of the Southern States. I think

perhaps that you ought to see
this before writing upon the
subject you propose, lest the
same ground should be cov-
ered twice. And again, the
Forum has now published
some 10 or 12 articles in suc-
cession on the Negro ques-
tion, and I feel that per-
haps a little intermission
better take place. But I will
make a note of "The Na-
tion, the State, and the
Voter" for consideration
later.

Yours very truly,
L. S. Metcalf.