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Dear Judge, Your esteemed favor is at hand & highly prized. A few moments ago I met "Corporal" James I showed him your letter. You query set him to pondering, as it did myself.

"Do you really think it is at all worth while to try to make today believe that yesterday had any meaning or that such a thing as principle really has a place in government?" Does it not seem that what is today called "Politics" is the sum and substance of our cherished good government? We have too much of this "Politics" & not enough of principle. Too many people, in the past, who do things more for policy than for principle. Politics, as so called, be damned. Let's have principles to the front. Such principles as you so fearlessly and so convincingly advanced. No squirming & quibbling, but out & out manly good feeling American sentiments. "Conart", is an honorable name. Where would our country be today if the

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I had not raised a few cranks, people
who had the boldness & honesty to utter
abundantly their conscience felt convictions?

Go on my good man, let the fools
& knowers slander at their will. God is
with us & I believe we will eventually
see the right gloriously triumphant
the country over. I should feel ashamed
of my country if I did not feel as I
should have no heart left for hope in
a future on earth. We want no more
fooling with questions, "South", we want
action & I have still faith that this
present elected Congress & the little
Plucky President at the head of our
government, will bring these leavings of
Libby, Anderson, W. Campbell & Bell
I do to a proper realization of what the
Constitution & Laws of this country mean
& that they are as amenable to the
requirements of them, living south of
Treason & Disunion line, as we people who
live north of it, are always willing to be.
The Tariff is an important matter, but

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it is so poorly understood, that which ever way
it may cut, what we want is to get it
out of the way as soon as possible, so
it cannot be made, simply, as now, a
political makeshift. Then, I hope
Congress may find time to attend to the
vital interests of government by the
people, the whole people, not a part
of them. Pass a national Election Law,
that shall govern alike, North, South,
East & West. State Rights is a humbug
in such a country as ours & under such
a government, certainly it is, if one State
shall have different election laws
from another, in the election of those who
make the general laws of the whole country.

I have, just before writing this,
read your usual Saturday article in the
Ink Ocean. I shall hand it to Sam
clipped out & put into an envelope, or rather
I'll hand it to one of his daughters, two are with
him. Of course he has had no chance to
read a newspaper since he came here. Wish
you good health. God bless you.
I am, faithfully, your admiring friend
R. Boylston Hall