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Sir - Pardon me for again referring
to the subject matter of mine of
1st visit to yourself. I must beg
to insist that the state of Va
had a real penitentiary before
the war many years. I know this
of personal knowledge being a native
of that state. My grandfather (as
I have often heard mother say) who
sheriff was obliged to take prisoners
to Richmond, to the penitentiary. This
must have occurred at least fifty
years ago. Again as a boy I
knew personally a man who had
spent sixteen years in the pen-
itentiary at Richmond. But hesita-
ting to place a boy's recollections

in the balance against your
mature experience I have written
to the Editor of the Richmond
Dispatch and he confirms
my memory.

Now Mr. Turgén, I can not
doing all this merely to put you
down. That would scarcely be a
worthy purpose especially between
literary men. I merely wish to
point out an error but some
spleenetic quill should get you
at a disadvantage.

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