

The Independent.

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New York.

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My dear Sir:-

It is our desire to publish in the issue of THE INDEPENDENT for June 26th articles from some twenty-five or thirty American citizens distinguished in various walks of life, which shall anticipate the celebration of Independence Day, and suggest through our columns how it should be observed, or in what way our country can be made more worthy of its founders and more eminent for its free and equal institutions. We ask you to be one of those that shall write on a subject suggested by the occasion. We do not ask for a long article--one from five to eight hundred words would be enough, altho we would not limit you to this space, nor would we ask you to say more than a few words, if you should prefer to express your thoughts more briefly. You might, if you please, speak of any matter connected with the way the day should be celebrated, or the spirit and character of the celebration; or, if you see any public evil or question that ought to be considered on that day, or any reform to be achieved, or any higher ambition or ideal to be encouraged, we would have you speak with the utmost freedom the conviction which is most on your mind. The article should reach this office as early as June 18th. Please use the enclosed envelope for an early reply.

Hoping that you may be able thus to favor us, and still more our readers, I am,

Yours very respectfully,



Superintending Editor.