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F. G. Surfield:

I have yours of the 17th inst. I do not wish to bandy expletives with you. It is easy to call a man a "fanatic" who believes in liberty and justice and to speak of yourself as one of "the men of thought, light, intelligence & of level heads." It depends on the quality of the "personal equation", whether he will do as or not. Such things do not change the truth.

When you accuse me of misrepresentation you should try and have at least a shadow of truth on your side. "I said the defeat of the ~~its~~ (the Democratic party's) candidate for President ^{you say it is false} was the sole excuse for rebellion." ~~If a Democrat had been elected would you~~ must be getting very old, indeed, if you have forgotten that the one reason alleged by every convention of a seceding state for the act of secession, was the election of a Republican instead of a Demo-

erat for President in 1860.

I did not speak of the Whigs. They were not in it. The party had been lead for eight years. The ^{inevitable} ~~party~~ ^{rebels} counted the Democrats their friends; the Republicans their enemies.

~~So too~~ You may be quite right as to what the future will reveal. I am sure I do not know. Your bit of garrulosity about the "glorious, ~~and~~ all-conquering, Anglo-Saxon," is very nice, and ^{was} just as true of the "all-conquering Roman, the all-conquering Moor, the all-conquering Tartar, the all-conquering Arab, and ^{Spartan} other races which have had their fling across the page of history. The only difference is this: the Anglo-Saxon race is the only one which has professed to be devoted to liberty and justice. But ^{as} ~~as~~ no prescription wrong ripens into right by prescription; so no ~~length~~ ^{length} of matter how long & injustice may continue it never becomes justice.

Yours asphy -