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My dear Judge,

We have your package of papers in Plessy's Case this morning: i.e. your brief, and Mr Walker's. We will read them carefully within a few days, & communicate anything that occurs in that connexion. It is just upon a balance, — whether the case will be reached at this term. The February recess of the Court is just at hand.

It is hardly doubtful that we have a Court somewhat adverse to our views, — & therefore should desire, as you say, a full bench, & an attention not wearied by the labours of a full session or term rather. By the close of the recess we will know whether the case will come, if at all, upon the very edge of the term.

We will write again within a few days.

Very truly, Yours

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