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My Dear Dr

many thanks for your  
kind expression of sympathy  
I am much pleased to find  
so much good and warm  
feeling among my friends.

I regret the delay though  
I do not think the opposition  
will ultimately be able to do  
much little in the way of injuring  
the Institution. They have made  
a desperate attack on the  
mayor of the city who was one  
of the committee to which the  
affairs of the Institution were  
submitted. He signed the Report  
of Mr Pease and now an



attempt is making to prevent  
his reelection by asserting that  
he is against the interests of the  
city in supporting the action & resolu-  
tions of the Smithsonian Institution.

I will send you the copies  
of Mr Pearce's Report as soon  
as it is through the press. It  
does not allude to the communi-  
cation of Mr Jewett and I have  
made no reply or at least  
none but a very general one to  
the point which I sent to you.

It would give me much  
pleasure to receive any strictures  
on the remarks of Mr Jewett  
any of which I sent you that  
you may think fit to make  
I shall have occasion for  
all the hints and expressions

bearing on the subject which I  
can muster. Though I may  
have all the prominent points  
in my mind still variety in  
the mode of presenting them is  
desirable.

The city election takes place  
next Monday. Should the mayor  
be run out I shall ~~lose~~ lose one of  
my friends and gain an opponent  
such a gain will be very near  
a serious loss.

I am aroused to high indig-  
nation when I think of the  
opposition I am subjected  
to from one of my assistants  
who was put on my shoulders  
in order to give him a situation  
and that he might be at hand to  
carry out an opposite plan if

I should fail to sustain  
myself.

We have had a very pleasant  
visit from Eliza Torrey she  
came with her Father to the  
meeting of the association and  
remained until the beginning  
of last week.

I wrote you an official  
letter this morning relative  
to experiments on wood.

I remain very truly  
Your friend

J. H. -





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