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Pittsburgh, Apr. 17-'37.

Sir,

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Will you do me the personal favor by consulting with Doct. Watson fully - and by giving him such advice & information as your generous disposition may suggest as likely to be useful to him.

I transmitted to you some papers recommending the doctor of him. If it happens not to be necessary to retain them on file, the doctor would be glad to have them returned.

With high respect,
Yr. dt. Servant

Very of course

Hose. W. Dickinson.

Wm Wilkins

To/ The Honble
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629 Congress St
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Wm. L. Garrison

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