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My dear sir,

Your letter of the 21st [illegible] was read by me with very great pleasure. I was not indifferent to the partial opinion which you express of my speech to the people of Hartford on the 17th of March. It is proper for me to say to you in self-defense, that it was given to the public as taken down by verbatim by the phonographic reporter of the New York World without revision, and of course appears in the disordered garb of extemporaneous debate in an excited popular assembly. Bating typographical [illegible] and misapprehension of the reporter, it is a Daguerreotype of what took place on the occasion

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and a pretty full expression of my views. The only remedy for the evils which have fallen upon the country is in the legitimate action of our institution, which will soon transfer political power from the radical abolitionists to the conservative classes. This is inevitable, or, after two centuries teaching, we are found not ripe for republican government.

Your visit to the great statesman in retirement must have been very instructive and agreeable on both sides. I have always said that time would vindicate the wisdom of his policy, and that history would do him justice. We are already beginning to reach the

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I send you herewith my exact testimony before the Naval Committee of the Senate in the form of questions and answers, which I think much better than to blend it with an editorial.

Looking with a good deal of interest for the 1st volume of your History

I remain with the highest regard Your sincere friend

I. Toucey

Hartford Apr 4th 1863

Nahum Capen, Esq. Boston