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Dear Sir:

Accept of my thanks for your long and interesting letter together with the newspapers which accompanied it. I rejoice to hear that any of my publications have been useful to you, and your patients. Your essays upon the punishment of death by law, are well written, and have added great Support to my opinions upon that subject. It gives me great pleasure to discover, that our humane and just principles are spreading through most of the States, and that in several of them, capital punishments have been in a great measure Abolished. May the time soon come, when man everywhere shall cease not only to be the "greatest foe to man!" but feel that the most degraded & the most guilty individual of his Species, is an unfortunate brother!

Continue my dear Sir your labors for the benefit of your fellow citizens. "Do all the good you can, - expect to be persecuted for doing good, and learn to rejoice in persecution" was the advice of a venerable Old Clergyman to a young minister of the Gospel. It is equally proper to address it to young men of all professions who devote themselves to the service of mankind.

Do you ever see the Medical Repository of New York? It is now the Vehicle through which I convey all my Opinions & new modes of practice to the World.

Adieu! From Dr. Sir your Sincere friend

BENJN. RUSH