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Bennett Green  
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My dear Mr. Clark

I think many of us often lose opportunities of walking our common humanity by hesitating to obey the dictates of the heart, and by showing cold prudence or colder indifference to a private interest.

I feel sure that I should incur self reproach hereafter if I failed to express to you my very high appreciation of an admirable letter addressed by you yesterday to Mr. Moore

and which he allowed me to  
peruse. I think that  
notwithstanding differences  
of opinion there has always  
been a feeling of mutual  
confidence and respect  
between us. At all events  
I have always respected  
your straight forwardness  
and honesty of purpose.  
But now that feeling is  
measured into admiration  
of your manly protest  
against a cowardly and  
cruel wrong, and your  
humane, indeed noble,  
offer to assist in punishing

the perpetration of it.

I have not said enough  
to satisfy myself, but  
I hope I have said enough  
to satisfy you that whenever  
your action in this matter  
may be known true hearts  
will not fail to respond  
to the true and manly  
courage that you have  
shown.

I feel sure that under  
any circumstances you  
would not misunderstand  
me, but I am glad  
that under circumstances

as they exist now, my  
notions in writing to you  
as I have, could not be  
mistaken by any person.

I remain

Yours very sincerely,

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