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Dear Judge

I hope I shall find your book awaiting me on my return from England to which pleasing centre of Evil doing I purpose to turn my weary steps on the  $22^{\frac{d}{2}}$  for a short vacation. I have been pretty hard at work since Sept. 1, the beginning of our Judicial year and shall be glad to forget law and all the frets of daily life in the wash of the ocean and the whirl of London.

I have done little outside of the law. A little - very little - touch of the Latin Classics now then - a tribute to advancing time - as I shouldn't have wished to die without having read Lucretius or quite as ignorant of Horace as I was. I actually recurred a day or two ago to the Aeneid, after 50 years, and read some of it this morning before coming here to my shop. I even found myself enjoying it - I have always suspected people of Cant who said they did and this is my punishment.

I don't remember whether I sent you a little introduction that I wrote to an Edition of Montesquieu's Esprit Des Lois - it was written a year ago and I had a very few extra copies with too pretentions a title page for which I am not responsible. I send one by this mail.

I don't think of any event in which I have taken part that would interest you except perhaps the universal difficulties of Marshall on Feb. 4. From one point of view right enough - but in the personal estimate rather indiscriminate - I hope when you write Constitutional decisions you will not emulate some of our judges who having only half a page to say take 50 pages to say it in - I was remarking yesterday to one of my brethren that we appreciate the boa constrictor but not

the asp here. For my part I prefer an unpretendous little thing virulent with originality and insight to these swelling discourses padded with quotations from every accessible source. - However I must go to work. We always recall the visit of you and Mrs Clark with great pleasure and hope that some day it may be repeated.

Sincerely Yours

O. W. Holmes

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