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My dear Sir

If you received the first  
number of the Nation you will have  
seen that your letter on the Sovereignty  
of the States reached me safely, -  
and you may have wondered why  
that being the case I had not person-  
ally acknowledged it, and thanked  
you for the note that accompanied  
it & also for a letter that preceded  
it by some weeks. During the spring  
I was overworked, & was obliged to  
postpone all but necessary corre-  
pondence, & just as the leisure of  
the summer began, my little boy  
now two years old, became dangerously  
ill, & for some weeks required the  
most constant & careful attention.