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X Prof. C. E. Norton

Swim, Sept 16 1864

My dear Sir

I have delayed hitherto to answer your letter of August 15, in the hope of receiving the pamphlets from Trübner, but they have not yet arrived. I shall read ~~the~~ review with much interest, and will endeavor to put the spare copies in to the hands of gentlemen who will appreciate the essay. I am glad that you and other hopeful spirits at home find the course of our public affairs even "moderately satisfactory," while to me, who see only New York journals at irregular & sometimes long intervals and Newbeam comments upon the facts and opinions they chronicle, the state of those affairs inspires no feeling of courage or of hope.

I sailed from New York the week after the great meeting of April 20, when all was full of zeal and enthusiasm, and when every man with whom I conversed seemed resolved not only to crush the rebellion, but to take advantage of it to settle the question of slavery upon terms which would