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My dear Sir:

After reading what was reported of Hooker and the leader of the Grange, I spent two long evenings in pencilling in argument on the opposite ^{side}, but when I saw you had appeared and presented your views, I knew they would be much better than mine, ^{and I abandoned it.} I have thought, however that there might be some points which your attorney could use, though I cannot take time to write it at full length, nor even to revise it. You are at liberty to let some one see it, but on no account do I want my name connected with it. I have appeared once before the Committee and I do not want to bore them. Possibly Chairman Boylston might be willing to adopt some of the suggestions in making up his report. If so some type writer should copy the parts you would like inserted, as I do not