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Township No 12-4th Range
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Dear Sir

Your of the 4th inst is received and happy am I indeed in receiving a note from one of ~~such~~ ~~honour~~ and integrity for whom since our first acquaintance I have cherished the kindest sentiments of high esteem and the kindest feelings of friendship And to me as continuance of this correspondence will be highly gratifying

You speak of difference of political views But let those whose mental powers are susceptible of no higher pleasures or attainments ~~than~~ whose minds alone are led by ~~the~~ ^{the} passions and not by reason disturb the harmony of the ~~more~~ ^{more} moral feelings by waging war ~~upon whatever~~ upon whatever view of a subject either political or theological, ^{which} is not in accordance with theirs ~~and~~ ^{and} carrying uncompromising hostility to personal animosity Let such minds so enjoy ~~the~~ ^{the} best actions of the basest passions

But such is not the sphere in which our minds range It is not for us to descend to the gratification ^{sought} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{of} basest minds and foulest passions our ideas range a higher sphere

Having different views or opinions of the same subject is a prominent feature in the ~~intellect~~ ^{intellect}

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mental world without which the action of the mind would be very limited. It serves therefore as a stimulus to the mental powers and gives to life its highest zest. Were it not for this voracity of opinions many of the brightest men in the political world that have attracted the gaze and admiration of multitudes would undoubtedly have even remained in dim obscurity. Were it not for this the brightest intellects would never expand their mental powers finding no object to bring them into active employment and full fruition. To this cause then we may safely ascribe the development of the greatest mental powers of the age. That such effect is the legitimate result of such a course is obvious from the fact that man is a proud and selfish being ever desirous to annihilate whatever is adverse to his own views or opinions.

In order to arrive at this result it is evident that different men employ and exert different powers. Those of the baser and uncultivated intellects would find more down all opposition by physical strength. While those of a higher ~~mind~~ and intellectual culture employ the powers of the mind in laborious argument or the softer strains of persuasion to obtain the same result.

Gov Fairfield again fills the Question Chair of this State and to do that Gentlemen justice I must say that of my political opponents there is not one I should rather be elevated to that responsible station - a station the delicate and arduous duties of which I doubt not he will faithfully and

unconsciously discharge

I have been very anxious to see the Gov's message but have not yet though I ~~get~~ occasionally get a stragling newspaper with my name daubed upon it by some printer's devil without doubt.

I get an occasional drop of Congressional matter which serves to keep me in remembrance of some of the leading politicians of the day and to drive vanity from the cranium.

I feel much interest on the subject of a Tariff as it is one of great importance to the country at large. ~~There are some views of this subject~~ I have some ideas on this subject which I should like to communicate to you but say that will not admit it.

I am engaged in the timber business this winter in Co. with Ed. Hobart on Township No 12 4th Range. Whether we shall come out plus or minus in the business is to me a query. The prospect looks dark enough in regard to the water of the Crookstock being admitted into the Province of New Brunswick (if we don't have some rain soon the Crookstock and its tributaries will all be dry) to say nothing of pine timber.

I wish you good success and prosperity in your all your undertakings and particularly in your love affair with some pretty virtuous female.

I am Sir
Joshua W. Frost Esq

Yours Very Respectfully
Almon J. Richards