

Blackheath Park Kent
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Dear Sir

I ought to have thankd
you long ago for the very valuable
little treatise, in answer to Spence,
of which you were good enough to
send me a copy. I was not in England
when it arrived, and after my
return I was for a long time too
busy to read it; and indeed I was
the more inclind to reserve it
until I had disposed of other
things, because from the part

you have taken publicly on
the American question, I had
no doubt whatever of its being
good. Having now read it, I
can fully appreciate the great
use it must have been of. I
can only ascribe to the influence
of such <??> as yours, that
mischievous as Spence's book
has been in other respects, people
seldom now venture to maintain
that succession was lawful and

constitutional — in which, as
you truly say, depends the vital
point, which of the contending
parties was the aggressor in
a civil war. Allow me, in
behalf of all friends of freedom,
to thank you both for this book

and for your other important
exertions in the cause. I am

Dear Sir

very sincerely yours

J. S. Mill