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to new lounge
Cholera in Phila

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My Dear Sir.

Allow me to congratulate you on your ~~great~~ acquisition of ~~the~~ honors I know that you are now an honorable member of the "Bar" at Harrisburg, the great Capital of a great Commonwealth. I have confidence in your abilities, I know you are destined to be a bright and shining light. I will bet my last nickel on you, go in my boy, for advance to him - I have felt for you during your trial & have delayed writing until I felt sure you had passed through the ordeal of a rigid & impartial examination & had been told by some mighty man to "go on your way rejoicing." Your idea of remaining in your preceptors office for some time is very good. being with an old disciple give a man courage and standing. How is your "standing."

It is not very encouraging for a student just commencing Blackstone to look at the long list of definitions, explanations & that must be gone through with before he can understand justice, it is a long row, but perseverance and industry will do the work and if we desire success we must work for it. Having commenced