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Litchfield
April 24 - 1837

Sir
I shall be very glad to see
I am sure with you and all the
Subjects which you mention, but
shall rather it were postponed
until after tomorrow - or Monday
or Wednesday, I shall be glad to receive
you -
I am to have the
Director of one of the General Companies

Today have given notice to the
Clergyman, that the funeral must
take place at five - hope the Clergyman
returning for dinner, that this was an
imprudential & unparliamentary hour, he
received in reply, that they did not
care, that they ^{must} come at that
time, that they would pay the corpse,
& that if he has not there, they would
bring their own Clergyman with them -
If this design is persisted in, it
must lead to resistance, & hence to

possibly a contention & disturbance -
We do direct enforcement of the law,
I believe that Congress has these displays
of numbers - I am sure they are long -

The rising ground in question
is somewhere beyond Cambridge -
I do not myself know it exactly
at present - I shall be down at
my office at the first notice, &
you can then be assured both of
the place & the name of the
Clergyman your faithful servant
The Honourable

South?
Whithall^e
April 20, 1834
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I shall be very glad to see & converse with you upon all the subjects which you mention; but I had rather it were postponed until after tomorrow - or Tuesday or Wednesday I shall be glad to receive you.

I have to observe that the Directors of one of the funeral _____ today have given notice to the clergyman, that the funeral must take place at five upon the clergyman's returning for vespers, that this was an unusual & uncannical [sic] hour. We received in reply, that they did not care, that they (word crossed out) come at that time; that they would bury the corpse & that if he was not there they would bring their own clergyman with them. If this design is persisted in, it must lead to resistance & thence (to crossed out) probably to contention and bloodshed. It is a direct infringement of the law, to which? I feel confident these displays of number & _____ with (will?) ere long.

The burying ground in question is somewhere beyond Knightsbridge-- _____ but myself know it exactly at present. I shall be down at my office at 1/2 past twelve, & you can there be informed both of the place and the name of the clergyman.

Your faithful servant

Melbourne