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Dear Sir

Before I was personally known to you I was very much prejudiced in your favour by the neatness & ability you displayed in some matters of business in which you was engaged. Since we have become acquainted my first impressions have been confirmed & I have had the opportunity of knowing in what estimation you stand with the gentlemen at the bar. I have therefore no difficulty in stating it as my opinion that you are fully qualified for the office of Reporter under Lord Althorpes Bill, if Government shall think fit to place it in your hands. In bearing testimony however to your fitness, it is of course to be understood that I am forming no comparison between you & any gentleman who may be a competitor for the office, & that I have no wish beyond that

of expressing the characters I believe you deserve.

I am Dear Sir with great regard & esteem

Yours very truly & sincerely

W Bayley

Bedford Square
9th May 1874.