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My dear Sir

I am surprised at your letter,
because we all believe that ^{concerning} such matters
you are far before us, in reverence for
great names, & in proper public feeling.

But surely to call attention to such an
evil deed will undo it. For this much
gratitude will be due to you from all
who love our language.

Believe me, dear Sir,

Very truly yours

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