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Washington Friday Seventh February 1868

Dear Mr. [],

I owe you a thousand Thanks – and I pay them In the readiest money – for You sympathetic remembrance of my Birthday and for the elegant token of remembrance received this morning. Believe me I shall always esteem it highly. It fits into a nook in my travelling bag as though it were made expressly for the place and it shall hold the place against all comers. When you next come over to England I hope you will come to Gad's Hill to see how the pretty bottle wears, and to note whether it is kept bright or no. Whensoever you come, you will find that I have not forgotten so much as one of the many spontaneous acts of kindness good will and good help for which I stand indebted to you and your partner, and for which I heartily thank you both. And so I shall do all I can (until I see you among the Kentish hops, and for an indefinite time afterwards) to continue the exemplary custom of having birthdays and consequently to remain Faithfully yours

Charles Dickens.