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& America  
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My dear Sir,

Four or five weeks ago, I received  
half-dozen advance copies of my  
work on Govt. and immediately covered  
one directed to you, and sent my servant  
with it to the Post Office, giving him an-  
other copy to be left at a book store  
in this city, which I frequently visit.  
Yesterday I was at the store & Mr  
Water's said: "By the way, there is a copy  
of your work here addressed to some person,  
left by your servant about time ago." The  
stupid fellow, who thinks of nothing but horses,  
had left both copies with Mr. Water's,  
who was so careful a custodian as to  
put the book in a drawer. This mishap  
has mortified me exceedingly, as I wished  
to place in the hands of the first mind  
of the country, the first volume of my  
work treating, to some extent, of its  
greatest errors.

I was in New York a few days  
ago with my wife and two children

had was so occupied during the whole time that I found it unprofitable to visit Fort Washington. I shall go over again, within a few days, and shall then have more leisure.

Meanwhile I beg leave to forward the volume so long in deposit with Mr. Waters. My object in writing it was to present to the American people the best representation I could make, of the great struggles of our English ancestors, to establish and maintain the principles of government which constitute our free system of laws. The impression made upon my own mind, in reviewing the events of English history, is, that the old Saxon element in our mixed race, is the chief source of all that is really valuable in the maintenance of such a system. I make this suggestion to you, because it is a matter of speculation in which at least, about which, when I

shall have the pleasure of meeting you, I desire to converse.

The election is over, & I do not think I am re-elected. It took very little interest in the contest, because I thought it involved no issue. You were my candidate for nomination, but I saw there was no party fitted or qualified to render such a service to the country.

I remain  
faithfully yours  
J. M. Schuylcr

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