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Dr Ead. Dear friend

Your letter rec<sup>d</sup>. Present appearances indicate that great debate on Kansas will run along through three months of the session.

You will therefore hear some of it, come when you may & I would fix my time of coming with reference to my convenience in other particulars. Congress is a "circumlocution office" as you know, & their gyrations on Kansas, so far as the House of Reps is concerned, will not commence till after the holidays. The discussion in the Senate will, or so at the rate of two speeches per week. You may hear Davis & Douglas both I think early in January. I have nothing new to note in Campbell's case. The Committee is not unreasonably constituted. I think that the best he has to hope for is a chance to take testimony. I have not heard the name of Vallentyne hardly since I