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Dear Sir

I should be glad to accept your invitation—But I fear to promise, as my time is so constantly occupied by professional engagements as to leave me no time for other things—the lecture you refer to, I fear would not answer men with [trimming?], as it was ordered as a literary lecture; but I believe it had but little pretension to the character; but was promiscuous talk mostly of local antislavery matters—I remember your father, and rejoice to hear from his son—
[Yours]

Thaddeus Stevens

O. Johnston

[on reverse in another hand]

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