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Elihu Burritt to Professor Benj. Silliman L.L.D.

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Prof. Benj. Silliman L.L.D.

My Dear Sir

Enclosed, I send you a copy of the Call, with a large portion of the signatures received. I beg you to glance at the list; to notice the character and position of those you will recognise; to bear in mind that this array of names represents more than half the states of the Union and all political parties. We are exceedingly anxious that you should attend the Convention, and act as Vice President for Connecticut. We have reason to believe that venerable Dr. Nott [Noll?] will consent to fill the Presidential chair; and if you would support him on one side, and Mark Hopkins of Williamstown on the other, a character would be given to the Convention which would make a deep impression upon the mind of the nation. Let me entreat you not to say No at once, but let the proposition dwell upon your mind.

With Profound Respect, Yours

Elihu Burrit

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