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Elihu Burritt to Benjamin Moran, Esq.

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My Dear Sir

I thank you for your kind and interesting letter. I should esteem it an honor to send Mr. Johnson's response to the address he is to receive. But my health is very feeble and precarious- my breath is short and weak, owing to an affection of the heart that has been growing upon me. I am afraid to let him rely upon me, to not knowing what may happen to me in the meantime. If he could send a copy of his response to me or for me, I would make a second one which any person might read at first sight, if I should break down before the banquet came on. I am invited as a guest and look forward with deep interest to the occasion. Does Mr. Johnson attach a particular interest to his address being read by an American? I know two or three of our merchants here who would do it capitally. How proud I should be to do it! But I am afraid to undertake it, lest I should mortify the author and myself too. Still, what little of life is in me is at his command.

I thank you for your kind mention of my little book.

Ever yours truly

Elihu Burritt

Benjamin Moran Esq,