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Elihu Burritt

Dear Friend I heard sometimes
since of a lecture of yours on the question
of the war - proposals for peace - perhaps it
was a written article

I desire to see what is from your pen &
especially on this subject

I have taken no active part in the
matter. Perhaps when assembled,
in government capacity, we ^{may} might defend
or ~~crush~~ ^{subdue} robbers if needs be by a police
force. But to fight the South &
foster her slavery - that which feeds the
rebellion - is great folly - I feel that
the way to save blood, or shed least, is to
proclaim freedom to the slaves.

It is possible the rebels would emancipate
with compensation, but not probably
will you send me any propositions
you have - What would you suggest?
Yours paternally

John G Lee

My son - eldest - named Burritt - is a
noble Christian boy - doing well in school.
J G L