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on the Evidence now brought forward; but the  
hesitation of our friends arises from consideration  
of advantage on the whole. But you may be assured,  
if you will see, that able & powerful friends are  
watching, & will watch, over all that concerns both  
your own comfort & peace, & the interests of that  
Great Cause in which we are engaged. But you have  
still another & a better friend, who "sticketh closer  
than a Brother;" into whose ear you pour, I doubt  
not, all your complaints. May He, by His Holy  
Spirit, pour His Helm into your soul, & enable  
you to "love your enemies" - to "bless them which  
curse you" - to "do good to them that hate you" -  
to "pray for them which despitefully use you, &  
persecute you."

I am ever, My Dear Friend,  
affectionately yours,  
(Signed) Josiah Pratt