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Auburn August 26th, 1851.

Gentlemen,

I have been detained nearly the whole summer in a trial of some importance at Detroit. The letter which you addressed to me at this place inviting me to attend the Dinner then proposed to be given to my revered and esteemed friend the Archbishop of New York did not find me at Detroit until after the day assigned for the festival.

Inasmuch as my reply could not reach you in season, I thought it might be further delayed without discourtesy until I should obtain a respite from the absorbing duties in which I was engaged.

Gentlemen, I may now be assured that I am sincerely grateful for the consideration implied by the invitation, and to be assured that a long and intimate personal acquaintance with the distinguished Prelate whom you have honored has only served to heighten the reverence and admiration which his public ecclesiastical character early inspired. That the Church over which he presides, and the Country which he honors may long continue to enjoy the benefits of his Summons and enlightened Ministry is the fervent wish of his friend, and your humble servant

William H. Sewall.

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