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Gov. Elihu Cox,  
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My dear Sir: I regretted that I did not meet you at Greensboro, chiefly because I desired to explain fully to you why we desired your presence at Asheville & why I wished you not to come. The latter reason was that the argument would close before you got to Asheville & I thought I would save you the inconvenience of that trip: the former reason is sufficiently explained in the answer of Dr. Normant filed for the Russell board. I herein enclose two affidavits, each being a copy of the other, and as suggested in the telegram of Mr. Harrison you can send one direct to Judge Simonton at Asheville, the other I would thank you to return to me if you make any alterations; if not you can leave it with Mr. Harrison. I presume



he has a copy of the Worcester answer.  
I trust you will find the apparition in  
some degree satisfactory: it is difficult  
to fully express a just indignation at the  
miserable attack on you without using  
some "Cuss words": and I have restrained  
myself with difficulty from using more  
violent language. What I have prepared will  
easily be construed as denouncing the  
charge as a lie and those who make  
it as — Assuring you of my esteem  
& great regards for yourself,  
I am very truly,  
J. S. Manning

Judge Simonton gave me permission to file  
your apparition.