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Dear Mr. Holdens:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 11th. inst. requesting the pardon of Kelly. You write like one who has heretofore given expression, to the effect, that you did not hold with the Governor's right to interfere with the sentence of the Court, but that you had recently become converted - possibly this case did it. This is a typical case where the innocent are the sufferers and feel more keenly the disgrace. Men never had more emphatic