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Hon. George Sutherland,
Senate Chamber Washington, D.C.

Dear Friend,-I have just read your speech on the "Smoot Case." You may not have expected to please either of the two factions, as they have lined up in our state on this vexed question. Every sentence of your of your logical argument however, bears upon its face the stamp of sincerity, and it seems to me that everyone who loves truth, and admires honesty aught to appreciate the forceful and clear summary you have made.

"Mormonism" is not simply an abstract theory pointing the mind ever to the future for its effects or results. It is a practical philosophy of life broad enough, in its claims, to imbrace all truth. Its lines of influence, so far as they will extend, reach into every phase of thought or action. Hence it is like an object completely surrounded by side lights, and it appears to change in hue as rapidly as the view point is shifted. Men ingaged in the various fields of activity such as science, religion, politics, or business are likely to have this attention attracted by some wave of influence reaching them, and in seeing it through the medium of the light which comes to them they are very apt to have veried impressions.

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Of course our principles and our position appear perfectly consistant to me. Still the man who sees things only through his own eyes, who lacks the ability to understand things as seen by others, must necessarily live in a very narrow world of thought. "Mormonism" has been discussed from the platform, the pulpit and through the press, but aside from the purely doctorinal discourses the information, for the most part, has either been colored by zeal or defaced by prefudice.

The situation is a peculiar one. To those who have no interest in our affairs only as they may be hired to discuss our social or political condition the situation would appear to them just as a clients case would appear to a lawyer. We could not expect them to do justice to both sides of the question. They might be farely honest, but they would see only the points they were looking for. Where a man is actually affected by the situation it is hard for him to take a position where his vision will not be affected by the light of religious enthusiasm or obscured by the sulfuric clouds of hatred and prejudice. I think I can appreciate the high plain from which you have view and reviewed the case. You have credited men with being honest, whenever you could consistently do it, even when their opinions and their efforts were in direct opposition to your own. You have been equally free in denouncing dishonor or dishonesty wherever, in your judgment, it was apparent.

So far as I am concerned I feel more humiliated by insincere fulsome praise given with the hope of reward by those not of us, or the unwarranted bosting sometimes indulged in by some self richous members, than by the gravest charges made against us, falsely, by our opponents.

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I hope the Senitor will keep his seat because it is right that he should. I love my country and my people. Hence it would be a source of sorrow to me for the former to outrage justice or the latter to suffer an injustice.

I thot best to let the boy thank you for the favor you conferred, but I feel grateful, and will do my best to see that your confidence is not misplaced or abused.

Yours resp.

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