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March 11thWashington City
2nd March 57.

My dear fr.

Reminded of a letter
sent by you in your last volume the
28th July. I have made search
for it and found it among others
which were received during my
absence to Brit. and had seen-
-ed notice. I have perused it &
should not have given you the appe-
-arance of its loss, but so many
things have required my attention
that I scarcely wonder that it is -
-copied my notice at the time of my
return - On many points it is
satisfactory, but there is one to
which I wish more particularly
to call your attention - In making

up the estimates for finishing the
publication of the book & of the Index:
it is necessary that I should be able
to know the cost of the different depart-
ments, & to finish, before I can
assign to each its relative amount
of funds, so that our appropriation
now on hand may not be exceeded.
You will therefore see the necessity
I am under to call for the amount
of text in Pt. 2nd vol. and the num-
ber of engravings, that the illus-
trations of it may be required, and
although with every desire on my
part to effect the most, I feel the
necessity of urging upon all to con-
fine the expenses within as narrow
limits as possible - and to furnish
me with the data wherewith to cal-
-culate and accomplish all that can
possibly be effected within our means,
which the Joint Library Committee have

pledged shall finish the work - so
that we cannot look for ~~any~~ further
aid from Congress - You would then
for oblige me by sending me the
number of pages of text which your
2nd part may embrace & how many
more plates remain to be drawn by
Sprague and engraved as soon as you
conveniently can -

I have written to Sullivan to the same
effect, and if you can give me this
estimate of them in the hands of Drury
I would be obliged to you, as it appears
that you have a knowledge of how
many pages & engravings he may re-
-quire.

I desire to push the Publication to an
early completion, and let the Committee
to us convey economy that might be any
power to attain.

Very truly
Yours
Charles Wicks
Prof. Massey - Cambridge



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