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My brother Mr. Weston of the Boston Custom House, has made a selection of the papers, originally published in the Portland Transcript, Douglas Scovell's newspaper, and the "Vainly Fieri", under the head of "Letters from Ethan Spike of Hornby." They constitute a connected series ~~from~~ running back for 10 or 12 years, touching upon all matters of popular interest. For wit, humor, & fine-prosody caricature of the social of the time.

whenever fellows of the times  
I do not think they have  
been recalled.

One of them, a take off  
of L'Escurier, representing  
Hornby in the act of cutting  
loose from the State of Maine  
was, in the notice of the Libellein  
quoted by a lawyer in  
Columbian L. R. & so another  
~~paper~~ & Court that it was  
read at the Judge's request  
in the Court house. I saw  
one of them quoted in the  
Meridianian Legis. Catalogue,  
some two or three years ago.

They will make a  
volume of some 250 or  
300 pages: and I am sure  
would be highly popular.

I wish to make some  
arrangement with thee for  
their publication, in my brother's

behalf, and I shall be  
glad to hear from thee at  
thy earliest convenience.  
A few good illustrations,  
which there are rare subjects  
would, be well.

Very truly  
Yours  
John G. Muttin