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Dear Cooper,

Yours not too late. I will thank you for your letter and your sympathy. I send you with this the third part, as they have chosen to call it, of that everlasting mountain story. I presume that the other two have reached you. They had been gained, as I thought to send me many copies for distribution; but I have received none. It should have been printed all together in some large newspaper — and then it would have gone down at one dose with very gravity. I was sorry to hear that you came so near Concord without coming here. Perhaps you in good time see Emerson. He came home in the Europa 3 or 4 weeks ago, in good health and spirits. I think that he has seen English men, such as are worth seeing, more thoroughly than any traveller. He has made them better acquainted with one another and with Americans.

the land access to circles which are inaccessible to most travellers, but which are none the better for that. He has seen the elephant — or perhaps I should say the British lion now, and was made a lion of himself. He found Carlyle the most interesting man — as I expected he would — Stonehenge the most interesting piece of antiquity — and the London Times newspaper the best book which England is printing nowadays.

Travelling is so cheap at present that I am tempted to make you a visit — but then as usual, I have so much idle business that cannot be postponed — if any will believe it!

The probable failure of the melon crop this season is a melon-choly — but fortunately our potatoes do not rot yet.

I feel somewhat encouraged at the political prospects of the country — not because the new party have chosen such a leader, but because they are perhaps worth of a better one. The U.C. delegation seem to have managed affairs in a bungling manner — if they had gone prepared they might have had their own man —

But who is he? Now is time to be
done selecting available men; for what
are they not available who do this?
— Father desires to be remembered
to you & to Miss Hatch — and to
the last named does the same. Yours
sincerely
Henry Thoreau

Henry Thoreau
Feb 22 1845

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