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My dear Pleydell:-

I know you will pardon my failure to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 5<sup>th</sup> last. I have had it in mind several times to write. Anyhow had I written earlier my reply would have been an <sup>expression</sup> of my confidence & fully in both you and Mr Purdy and in no degree is my confidence lessened now at this late date.

So far as the combined opposi-<sup>tion</sup> of Mr P. in the cause of Mr. Doots is concerned there can be no question in my mind about the genuineness of them - being directed aright. <sup>But</sup> as for Mr Doots in same connection, so far as could be judged, I saw nothing in his course open to question or least from a spectator's point-of-view.

Whether Mr Doots is all that his painted picture records outside of his association in the Jay Reform Convention, I cannot say. In any event I for one am not prepared to believe that either you or Mr P. are other than good members in good standing amongst the Old Guard.

I am indeed sorry to learn of the attacks <sup>refined</sup> to against you. They are not justified. Rest assured that the names of Purdy and Pleydell will always be kindly remembered for their good works ever and always by all the Old Guard and not least among them  
Yours very sincerely,  
George J. Bryan.