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My dear Sir.

It is with deep concern I have to inform you that I cannot lay my hands on the pamphlet concerning the Vendetta of Columbus which you have had the kindness to lend me. It has been missing for some time and I have searched for it repeatedly, and since the receipt of your last letter (Jany 28th) have had the most scrupulous search made throughout my library and dwelling, but without

sweets. I fear somebody has taken

it away.

This is extremely mortifying to me

but I trust you can provide yourself

with another copy from England. In

case the missing manuscript should

turn up I will immediately forward

it to you by express, in the mean time

I must entreat you to excuse this seeming

but unavoidable negligence on my part

with great respect

Yours very truly

Washington Irving

Henry W Beecher Esq

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