

Dear Sir

Morrisania, New York City,

February 7, 1857.

My dear Sir:

The reply to my former note, with which you favored me, a few weeks since, very clearly indicated that you had mistaken a note which was addressed to you, in your official character, for what might have been addressed to you personally. I am sensible that, like myself, you are individually interested in one great subject and pay little attention to others; but I supposed that your College Library would be a proper place in which to rest a work which so radically overturns the stereotyped New England theories of the origin and conduct of the American Revolution, as mine does; and, for that reason, I addressed you on the subject, hoping to receive your official order for a copy of it.

I enclose, with this, a slip from the January number of The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, published at Boston, the oldest and the leading periodical in the country, devoted to American History, conco

ing the work referred to; and, in view of that review, by so competent a hand as Professor Hoyt, and of the recognized importance of the work, as history, your order is, again, respectfully solicited - for the College Library.

In reply to your question, in your note to me, concerning the authorship of the excellent volume, entitled Dawson Genealogies, permit me to say that that authorial honor belongs to Mr. Charles C. Dawson, then the New York Agent of the Congress Sp. Company of Saratoga Springs, now holding a place of Trust, with J. C. Ayres & Co., of Lowell, Massachusetts. Like yourself, I enjoy the favor which he conferred in mentioning of my father's family and of mine. Beyond that, there is no connection between him and me. He is, however, a most estimable man; and both you and I may be justly proud of him as a worthy name-sake.

Sir J. W. Dawson,

Yours, very truly,
Henry B. Dawson