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TO

MY FATHER

THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE

Reverently Inscribed.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

WILMINGTON, 13th October, 1864.

GEN. JOHN M. READ JR., Albany.

Dear Sir : At a meeting of the Historical Society of Delaware, held this evening, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

"*Resolved* : That the thanks of this Society are eminently due and are hereby presented to Gen. John Meredith Read Jr., for the eloquent and highly interesting oration delivered before the Society this evening."

"*Resolved* : That Gen. Read be requested to furnish a copy of his Address, to be preserved in our archives, and that the same be published by the Society."

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Society to transmit the resolutions to you, beg leave to express the hope that you will comply with the request therein contained, so that your valuable discourse may be rendered the more generally accessible to our fellow citizens.

We remain,

Very truly yours,

WILLARD HALL,
ALFRED LEE,
CHARLES BRECK,
LEIGHTON COLEMAN,
L. P. BUSH,
D. M. BATES.

230 STATE STREET, Albany, N. Y., }
January, 12th, 1865. }

Gentlemen :

It gives me pleasure to accede to your request by placing my manuscript at your disposal. As you will readily perceive, it contains an amplification of details, out of place in an oral performance, but essential in a written discourse, wherein new facts and views are advanced. Accustomed to regard the developments of individual as well as of national history, as so many exhibitions of the Providence of God, I have endeavored faithfully to investigate the early life and training of one, who was the instrument in His hands, to practically reveal to the inhabitants of the Old World a great extent of territory, which has finally become the home of a free and enlightened people.

With sentiments of the highest respect,

I am, gentlemen, very sincerely yours,

J. M. READ JR.

To

The HON. WILLARD HALL, President of the Society,
The RIGHT REV. DR. ALFRED LEE,
The REVEREND CHARLES BRECK,
The REVEREND LEIGHTON COLEMAN,
L. P. BUSH, Esquire, M.D., and
D. M. BATES, Esquire.

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