

Alton, Aug. 24, 1857.

Dear Sir,

I have just read & am delighted with the debate at Ottawa. In manner, temper, spirit, eloquence & every thing else you have obtained a complete triumph over the little Pittsburger, for really that is all he is. It seems to me that the debate at Ottawa ought to be ~~able~~ sufficient to decide the contest with all intelligent men, & it ought