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NEW YORK, N. Y.

June 2, 1937.

Dear Justice Van Devanter:

For several long years in comparative solitude you have stood against the flood of demagoguery. Your friends in the legal profession have been held in the leash of the proprieties. They could not be sure that words of cheer and encouragement would not be more harmful than helpful to you.

I know you will permit me now to say that the courage and fidelity and judicial integrity that you have displayed are the grandest in intellectual heroism in the history of the modern world.

Perhaps it seems fruitless but some day the mad delusions of the people will subside, - maybe not until the superstructure of the government of our fathers has been entirely swept away. Surely the temple will be built again on the same foundations, and you and the colleagues who stood with you will be acclaimed for the sacrifices you have made and the blows you have given and taken in defense of human liberty.

May you find rest and health on your Maryland farm.

Mr. Bladen Lowndes has a place at Glenelg not far from Ellicott City where I frequently visit. I hope to be able at the time of my next visit to call on you.

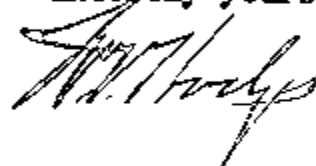
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With great respect, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Hon. Willis Van Devanter,
Ellicott City, R. F. D.,
Maryland.