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Friend Mike

With pleasure, I received your line and package; the former of which admonished to me to that which I deem a pleasure, a correspondence, with any of my school mates, although the task of plying the pen to paper is one that almost overpowers the better wishes; and it is this that has so long deterred me from announcing my name to you on paper;

I would not have you think by this that my memory has absented you from its range of thought; quite the contrary, the recollection of you and your friends has come vividly to my thoughts in each days recurrences, and times for the pleasant moments we have spent together. has not failed to have a number of well wishings expressed for his best pecuniary interests and intellectual improvement. His memory will long be cherished by me as one in whose prosperity I claim to feel