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My dear Arthur,

You will think me interminably trouble-some - & it looks very like it. But the fact is that the author of all evil, in whose existence, notwithstanding Mr. Jenkins, I most firmly believe, has been stirring up the embers of a horrid strife in a part of my parish - about which I planned a reference to yourself for arbitration some time ago - & which I hoped had been quite extinguished. But the poor misguided people are all at it again - I believe most unreasonably & illegally - but your word (anonymously given of course) would I hope go very far, if not all the way - towards quenching the strife - though the spirit that is at the root of it is beyond the reach of us all. I have stated the case - not as precisely & technically as I ought - for there have been 3 ladies in the room all the while - but I think clearly enough for the purpose - over page - & if you will kindly send it back to me, with yes or no at the bottom of it, the people whom I have told that I am getting the opinion of a great lawyer - &