

My

That I do owe you an apology I
freely concede, and for that which should
never occur unless in extenuating cases, when
it may be excusable, — I mean neglect,
and that it is not excusable in this
instance I beg you to believe, when your
welcome note was received, some time ago,
I was prompted to give it ~~my~~ an
immediate response and could have done
so, but for the fact, that just about
the time of its reception my mind was
drawn to subjects which required
my constant attention. I regret, however,
that in the interim of my engagements
I did not send you that cheerful
compliance with your request that
I do at this time moment —
The objects for which the request
was made touched my appreciation and I
instantly consented in my mind, and fully
intended to communicate at once
my compliance but at the time I
was called by the imperative
judicial command of my county
to fill the office of — juror
matters in connection with that position
coupled with the duties of my regular
regular avocation, absorbed my time
to the exclusion of all other matters.