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Dear Sir

Mr Roche has communicated your letter to him to me - Whilst I bear testimony to your integrity & good conduct I cannot but regret that you should have turned your attention to a situation in a Bank. I trust you will excuse this obtrusive advice but when you recollect that a situation in a Bank precludes any probability of increase of talent or industry merely vegetatory independant of almost a purchase of mearly independance where you have to be under men probably your inferior in talents & standing in society who are apt to arrogate to themselves a superiority they do not possess - while it does not add any thing to respectability I should hope it was only a temporary arrangement you looked forward to instead of a permanent situation In this age of demoralizing principles a man aspiring to know himself ought before he undertakes such a responsibility asking himself whether he has the moral courage to resist the importunities of so called friends who in their necessities may be tempted then to overstep the bounds of propriety from a false confidence of strong integrity in the tempter. Excuse me I pray you but I feel interested in your welfare & as my age & experience convinces me that any other livelihood is better than a Bank I have travelled out of my usual way in entering

Yours truly

G W Helms