is a newspaper. The P. M. General says if the Repos. is not a pamphlet then then is no pamphlet, & he refuses to let the Rep. pass as a newspaper, & when I had driven him from every ground he assumed to the manifest amusement of two gentlemen who were present, he said, "well, it is better for the Department to make it pay as a pamphlet & we shall need all the money we can get."

Every body here says he is wrong. I want to compel him to refer it to the Atty. General for his decision. And I am contriving ways to make him do it. And for this purpose ask you to test the point with your P. M. General & let me know the result, & if he refuses to let it pass as a newspaper, we shall get a complaint before the "Old Calf" as they familiarly call Johnson here — & something may come of it —

Yours truly
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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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