

Amesbury

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My dear friend

I am greatly
obliged to thee for the
pamphlet & paper
herewith returned.

I have nowhere
seen so eloquent
a tribute to Everett.

It seems to me in
the main very just
in the characterization.

_ the generous & mag-
nanimous tribute of
one who often widely
differed with him

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on questions of public
interest.

Both the speeches
are models of pure
English and in
the [sc ---] of style
may compare well
with the best ora-
tions of Everett
himself.

It gives me
real pleasure to
find myself writing
to one whose charac-
ter as a man &
genius as a writer
early commanded
my admiration.

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Thy prose and poet-
ical work have
long been familiar
to me. I regard thy
'Maecenas' as
the most vigorous
& graphic poem ever
written on this side
of the water.

I am, my dear
friend, always & truly
thine

John G. Whittier

I want very much a
photograph of thyself.
I enclose one of mine, just
made.