

Danvers

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Dear Friend

I ought to have
thanked thee before
for thy graceful
and kind verses
-tribute I fear
quite undeserved.

I quite agree
with thee in deploring

The folly of the
Independents. I
could not read
Fernal's letters, and
Jarvis's (Carter's)
speeches! and
the suicidal curse
of the Prohibition
its wretches me But
for them Blaine
would have been

elects. What
a culmination
of rem-sellers need
the John-Johns? I
am greatly sorry
for the defeat of
Cabot Lodge: but
Massachusetts, on
the whole, has done
well, for which
let us be thankful

I am truly thy
friend

John Whittier