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400 Chestnut St
Philadelphia
July 20th 1891

My dear Mr Clarke

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you.

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letter reached me, but failed to see him
there. I believe he is in his usual health.

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entire world. I am glad that you join,
that you expect to send us soon an article
on the Convention & the proposed Constitution.
May we not place your name on the list of the
advisory Council?

I should be very glad to hear from you
at any time & particularly if I can serve you
in any way here. ~~Perhaps~~ Perhaps you may
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Your truly
Samuel Johnson

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