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College View, Nebraska,

April 7, 1904.

Eld. A. G. Daniells,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother:--

Your telegram received this afternoon. Elders Russell and Hoopes were present in the Central Union Conference office when it came. After consulting with these brethren a few moments, I wrote out and, within fifteen minutes from the time I received the telegram, sent ~~out~~ the following ^{message} in duplicate form to Senators J.H.Gallinger and W.M.Stewart:--

Senator J.H.Gallinger,
Washington, D.C.

College View, Neb. Apr. 7, 1904.

On behalf of my people I protest against the passage of the District Sunday law by Congress. Such legislation is a violation of the fundamental principles of our government, and, in the end, means religious persecution.

W. A. Colcord,
Secretary Religious Liberty Department
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

This, I thought, was about the best brief protest I could make. The brethren approved of it, and I trust it will meet the mind of yourself and Elder Washburn, and above all the approval of God. The information that this measure had already passed the House came as a little surprise to us, but of course we cannot expect that this sort of legislation will be forever deferred by Congress. The knowledge of what has been done rather fires me up with a desire to buckle on the religious liberty armour and fight for the truth. I shall be pleased to know if you have informed Elder Moon of this action. I presume you have. I do not see how either of us can do much in the religious liberty work until we are released from our present positions. But I believe that this action on the part of the House of Representatives is an indication that we ought to be about our work. Cost of the two telegrams only \$2.80.

My family are all well. With kind regards, I remain,
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Sincerely yours,

W.A. Colcord.