

Doides

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1882.

Dear Sir,

I had not the slightest idea, I should hurt your feelings by publishing your father's letter. I am not aware, that I had "neither a moral nor a legal right" to publish it (in Holland at least). My only intention has been to throw some light upon a question, which interests so many of my Countrymen. In doing so, I was full of real veneration for your great father.

I send you copy of the two letters. The first is in the possession of my friend Dr. Costerus, but was not to be found now. However, I copied it, when we first received it; and I know, that the copy is accurate. The second letter belongs to me and is so much valued by me, that I don't like to run the risk of its getting lost.

Your father probably did not keep our letters; otherwise I should wish to beg you, not to publish them verbally (if you intend to do it at all) as they were written in very bad English.

In Holland "Professor" is a title,
which is only put before the name
of teachers at a university. I used
the word, because I know, that in
England it is used for teachers
at lower schools too. In Holland
not.

Yours truly
N. D. Doedes.