

The Com. should decide

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Dr. Lewis Duffin Esq

Sir

I am sorry that an earlier
indispensable engagement renders it impossible for
me to take part in the trial of the persons ^{case} ^{is} ^{thus} ⁱⁿ
has so naturally & justly attracted your eye & the
public sympathy. It would have given me much
pleasure to have acted with the eminent counsel
obtained; & to have done what I might be
seen to think a fair chance for themselves
in the Courts of a free Country. — But I find
it shall out of my power, I hardly need add
that if, as I gather may be done, the motive
to the prosecution can be shown to be liberty — & not
plunder, conviction — under our Law — &
from our juries — is quite out of the question —

I have the honor to be,

Your Obedient Servant

Rufus Choate

See Haths. about
Sedgwick Her Sec S.

act money &
Emancipator

Rufus Choate Esq
Boston, Sept 7/39.
Caunt act as counsel

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