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Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John M. Hancock', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Professor John M. Hancock