

It affords me very much pleasure
 to be able to record the completion of
 this (my first attempt) in dramatic work.
 began in February 1876. continued to write
 till April 76. when I suspended ~~it~~ compo-
 sition till one of Dec 76, from which time
 I have given to this work ^{my leisure hours} ~~my leisure hours~~
 this day Wednesday February the 7th 1877.

Joseph Perry