

Mooreville N.C.

June 9, 1892.

My Dear Friend & Bro: -

Your kind favor of the 2<sup>d</sup> recd. and would have been answered sooner, but for absence from home and sickness. I was for a time quite ill, but am now pretty well.

I had not heard here the story of your capture by Alex. Andrews. I am not surprized at the source of it; and congratulate you upon your wise precaution. I expect the P.-G. now to go to ~~extremest~~ extremest lengths. He has cut the bridge behind him. He has severed the only bond which could legally restrain him, - but which in fact did not restrain him.

As to the Chairman of the Ex. Com. It is exceedingly important that you secure the wisest, most valuable man. As an organizer, Womack is very skillful; but he is ambitious; and besides, has felt the antagonism of the Alliance in his judicial career. Fox is a fine local organizer, a smart, diplomatic; and manages even to

encourage the Alliance in his County. He is ambitious too. Perhaps he too well fixed a character as a machine politician. Dick Battie is a good all-round man: and you mention one excellent quality, "he doesn't want anything". Besides, and that is much, he is your personal friend. I have thought much about it, and mainly for your sake: and this is my conclusion, Dick Battie.

You say in the latter part of your letter "I want to assure you that I am your friend and will do what I can for you, but I did want your counsel if elected."

I do not now recall exactly what I wrote you: but I do not think I could have been so foolish, or even unkind, as to ask any service or favor of you. Of course I am proud to know that we are mutual friends: and I know what that means with a true man, as I know you to be. But, at this time, I intended in my writing, whatever my words, to tender you honestly

Every possible resource under my control for the promotion of your cause. I wanted to say a word "to hold up your hands", and to express my readiness to do so throughout the long and arduous campaign ahead of us. Of course too I delight to take counsel with you at all times; and I need not assure you that whatever the result of this contest, you may depend upon me as your faithful friend, always & every where.

I know the black haired man from Statesville. He is a very unscrupulous "machine" man, who shouted "no! no!" when Womack proposed to make you resignation unanimous; and is one of John Henderson's pimps at Washington. That's all right.

I trust I shall certainly meet you next week in Raleigh, and I would like much to talk with you.

Most sincerely

Your Friend & Bro,

A. Leazar

Answered in from



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