

Confidential

McClellan & Co.

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My dear Gov.

I do hope you will excuse the liberty I take in writing you occasionally. I often get wrought up over things that bear so heavily upon me, I have to write to some one to quiet myself, just as now with our political affairs. As you perhaps are aware of the fact, I would not become a Candidate again for the Legislature (which some of my friends denounced of me) but managed, as I thought, so that the County could get Representatives that would carry out the wishes of the people as to their Senators to be elected by said Legislature. In doing so, that element in the County which has fought every thing in shape of Reform seemed to get <sup>all</sup> out of humor with every thing done. <sup>indeed</sup> ~~and~~ you are a Jacob's Crow. We think we managed to nominate men for the House that will stand by reforms, & we offered a resolution at our Convention to hold primaries on the day of election, but the County would not & adjourned the Convention with out giving us any showing to test our strength

J. A. Stevens

I am considerably worried over the way  
some of our democratic friends do.  
They never think we are working for the  
same end in view viz; the success of the  
democratic party as a whole, but are  
always ready to cry out we have set  
the woods on fire with paternalism  
or some thing worse -

The outlook now is good for us to elect  
our Legislative ticket. If so I think they  
will carry out the wishes of the people, a  
large majority of which, favor the election of  
Mr Jarvis.

This is written in confidence, the great cause  
of my declining the candidacy was the fact,  
I did not think the Ransom element in Co.  
would give me their cordial support, knowing  
me to be such a strong friend to you -

If at any time I can be of service to you.  
Command me -

With best wishes for your continued success  
I am yours very truly  
J. A. Stevens