

May God by his holy spirit
guide you, and may you sub-
mit cheerfully to his direction
for as many as are led by
the spirit of God these are the
sons of God, may you have God's
companionship, and constant
divine approval, for your
good, for the good of the
people, and the glory of
God Yours Fraternally

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Dear Gov and Bro,
Yours of recent date to hand,
Please accept thanks for the
noble sentiment it contained
I saw you as you spoke in
the last campaign at Monroe
as I looked in your face, I
believed you was actuated by
a pure motive, and his, and
holy aspirations, I cheerfully
voted for you, and as the
light has dawned on us
to the dispersion of the fearful
gloom long gathering, I do
thank God, and all men
used as instruments to bring
about a better state of things
I do not know whether you

are a christian or not,
But I hope you are. If not
allow me to admonish you to
properly estimate the service
rendered, and the sacrifice
offered by God in Jesus Christ
as an infalible remedy to
save from sin, and all its
horrible consequences.

Please Dear Bro, ^{to allow me} to say with
reference to myself, Father and
Mother died about the commencement
of last war. I was raised an
orphan boy, his property all
lost during the war except a
little land. I trusted my
all in the hands of God and
gained the Baptist Church
and from honest convictions
began to introduce as a
topic to people private

and publicly.
repentance towards God
and faith in the Lord
Jesus Christ. I have Baptized
in the fellowship of the Baptist
Church about sixteen hundred
persons in this Co. and
adjoining Co. I have ever
made this (Union) Co. my
home, and among those good
people I still remain until
God removes me, and Dear
Bro be sure in me you
have a true friend who
will pray for you and
all our rulers in this great
Commonwealth, and please
allow me to ask you to
remember me as your
servant, and the servant
of God, in your prayers.