

House of Representatives U. S.,

Washington, D. C., April \_\_\_\_\_, 1879

Gov. Elias Carr.

My dear Sir-

Amid the great shadow that overreaches our entire State I trust that you will pardon any seeming interference on my part with the sad performance of your duty in filling the place left vacant by the death of our beloved Senator J. B. Vance. As one of the citizens of the old North State, I think I may venture at least to make a suggestion without being considered by you presumptuous-

From what I gather from public prints and other sources, public sentiment seems to crystallize around the names of Gov. Jarvis and Hon S. B. Alexander as the successor of Senator Vance. While having a strong appreciation



of the eminent services of Geo Jarvis  
both to his party and his people. I  
feel it my duty to say that the  
appointment of Mr Alexander would  
more generally meet the popular demand  
and the political exigency of the hour.  
He is in harmony with the masses on all  
the great questions of the day and his  
appointment in my opinion would  
tend greatly to allay the agitation of  
certain political questions which have  
heretofore threatened a serious division  
of the Democratic party. On the questions  
of Tariff, National Banks and Silver Coinage.  
he is in perfect accord with an over-  
whelming majority of the Democrats of  
the State. I shall be gratified to hear  
of his appointment.

For reasons that are personal to myself  
I will ask you to regard this com-  
-munication as confidential.

I am very sincerely yours  
W. H. Bowser.