

[To: Elias Carr. Raleigh, D.C.]

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My Dear Governor.

I have been since the latter part of last week shut up in a Sanatorium with Mrs. Jarvis and I will be for some days to come. She has had a painful case of hemorrhoids for two or three years which for the last few months have been growing worse and recently they have given her so much trouble that I persuaded her to have them treated. She finally consented and last Friday I engaged rooms in a small private sanatorium and removed her here. On Saturday she was operated upon and she stood it with a courage and fortitude that was wonderful. She positively refused to take ether or chloroform or anything of the kind but quietly took her place on the operating table and although she frequently cried out with the pain, which was intense, yet she stood it bravely to the finish. She is now doing well and I hope she will be able to leave the Sanatorium in a week or ten days more. I must stay with her while she is here. I have written thus about her because I know you and Mr. Carr are interested in her.

I have many things to talk with you about when I see you. During the first part of last week I was much at the hospital and had many conferences with Democratic and Populist Surgeons and Representatives from different states and sections of the country. so I think I have a pretty accurate idea of the situation and I can say to you that I feel great confidence in the ability of the seceders men to control the Chicago Convention. As soon as Mrs J. gets as I can have her during the day I want to put in two or three more days along the seceder lines and then return home. My chief solicitude is for Mr. Carlisle. and I believe the state can be saved if our state Convention will only act wisely. In your intercourse with our friends in different sections of the state I beg that you will urge that the Committee send their most thoughtful and wisest men to the state Convention. We need then a wise conservative body which will make the salvation of the state its great concern and to this end ready and willing to labor and to wait, to sacrifice and be deceived.

If we get a good Silver Platform and Candidate at Chicago, as I think we will, the canvass in our state will take some curious turns and it will require skillful handling to keep it along the right lines. There will, in that event, be three factions in the Populist party. One faction will be for fusion with the Republican silver or no silver. A second faction will be for fusion with the Democrats because of their advocacy of silver while a third faction will be for "a middle of the road fight." I think I am pretty well informed as to their troubles and plans at present. Of course our failure to nominate a silver man at Chicago will change the whole aspect of affairs and will require a totally different line of action.

I want to come to Raleigh some after I get home.

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Truly Yrs.

Thos. J. Jarvis