

(Personal.)

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Hon. C. A. Governor,

Dear Sir: - I have received your "personal" letter of the 8th inst., in which you frankly express your displeasure with the political course of the Times, and mention an individual grievance.

You have been alluded to in the Times as "Charley" Governor. This you speak of as "belittling." You have certainly not forgotten in what spirit and with what effect the whole land used to ring with the name of "Harry" Clay. Do you think it ever occurred to the great Kentucky statesman that this could be construed as "belittling"? And you cannot doubt that there was an untold depth of love and loyalty in the hearts of those who sang the old Scotch Cavalier song:

"Come dier the stream, Charlie, dear Charlie, beane Charlie,
Come dier the stream, ^{Charlie,} and dine with the ^{can} ~~dear~~!"

This was sung in honor of one whom the faithful adherents of the exiled Stuarts held to be their lawful King, even though accorded by the British nation no better title than that of Pretender. Be assured your suggestion of retaliation has no terrors for me. You have just leave to proceed.

The good services rendered by you to the Times, to which you allude, may not have been compensated by reciprocal favors, but if there is a balance you owe, it must be paid in some other manner ~~may~~ than by sacrificing my own honest opinions in order to advocate yours. As to the (to me) somewhat amusing notions you have about the internal affairs of the Times corporation, I do not feel called upon to say anything, except that you have evidently been misled.

Passing from personal grievances, you proceed to speak your mind in regard to my editorial course towards the party and the President. The former it suits your ideas of propriety to characterize as a "wicked and prejudicial attempt to defeat the party in Ohio," and you think I ought to look upon your opposition to that course "with at least a good degree of allowance." I concede to you the same right that I claim for myself. Do you claim more? I have labored earnestly to avoid all needless introduction of disturbance and discord into the party. Some

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to the moment when you arose in convention to denounce Gen. Beatty, had you not continually expressed yourself as concurring in this policy? Did you not, in your district sub-convention, as candidate for member of the Committee on Resolutions, actually declare — as a reasonable adjustment of difficulties — in favor of the identical resolution proposed by Gen. Beatty as an amendment to the reported Platform? I have so understood, I credit you with too much intelligence to doubt that you fully understood them — and fully understood today — that the only persons justly chargeable with a wicked and persistent attempt to defeat the party in Ohio "were those who insisted on an endorsement of the Administration, and I say this, too, well knowing your ambition to be recognized as the special champion of President Hayes. For his sake, as well as for that of the Republican party, you knew the demand for endorsement was an egregious blunder. And when you stood forth before the Convention as the chief advocate and sponsor for the President, you prudently temporized in regard to the Southern policy, and openly ~~smiled~~ ^{smiled}, with sardonic smile, at the pretended Civil Service Reform policy.

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Now, you and I both too well know
the sentiment and temper of the people of
Ohio - and especially since the disastrous
experiment of last year - not to understand
that the only hope of carrying the State in October
is in securing the votes of those who decidedly
differ with the Administration and who heartily
disapprove its course. Of my efforts to secure
those votes, by maintaining the principles of this

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of the Republican party, and by insisting that a vote for the Republican State ticket and for the Republican Congressional candidates is not to be considered as an endorsement of all the sins and blunders of the Administration - if these efforts, I say, are "wicked" in your eyes, they are not so in the judgment of Republicans in general, and they will be continued with "persistent" energy to the end. Of that you may rest assured.

One word as to a matter personal to myself, to which so much of your letter is devoted. I do not really think that you believe I have been influenced in my opinion and treatment of the Administration by disappointment in seeking an office. When you say, therefore, of the President and his friends: "They do not reply: They waste any little opportunity the history of the past year might afford to cast a shadow on your disinterestedness, and all that" - are you speaking quite ingenuously? You may answer that question to your own consciousness. I know you will believe me - at heart; I know that you can easily satisfy yourself by inquiring at headquarters in Washington

that I speak truly - when I say that I have never,
directly or indirectly, been an applicant for any
office whatever under President Hayes. I do not
believe that any friend of mine in all the wide world
has ever suggested my name to the President in
connection with any appointment within his gift.
If so, it has been without my consent, knowledge,
or even suspicion. This being the plain truth, in
spite of any story you may have heard to the con-
trary, I need not dwell further on this part
of your letter.

Assuming you of the absence of any unkind
feeling on my part towards yourself, or towards
the President personally, and of my earnest desire
for the success of the Republican ^{candidates} in the coming
election, which I deem of vital importance
to Republican victory in 1880, I remain
Yours very truly,

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