

Bambury, Man.
Feb. 2. 1865

My dear Sir

Pray excuse my
delay in acknowledging your
"Appeal to Caesar" kindly sent
me by your order. You have
brought together many facts of
great value, but some of your
predictions seem to me not
quite so rest on a firm basis.
With your main inference as to
National aid I quite agree;
but think that you do less than
justice to the very creditable
course as to a section of the
Southern states since the war,

of their consequent fitness
to be trusted with the
disbursement of appropriations.
I think they are right in
opposing, as I should oppose,
any new national bureau
for this purpose. It would
simply create a new army
of officials, all of whom
would be coming here,
as were the pension officials
last year in Ohio, & are
their petition for electioneering.

Very truly yours

J. W. Higginson

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P.S. My wife has been very
ill for months & all my correspondance
delayed.