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Hon. J. W. Louger,

Wayville, N. C.

My dear Sir:

You are "on the wire" so much of your time that I never know when you are "at home". The warm weather being on us now, I take it for granted that you are trying to keep cool in the shade of your beautiful lake. Because I do not often write you must not be taken as evidence that you are not thought of, for there is no one, outside of my immediate family who occupies more of my thoughts or who has a warmer place in my heart.

A few years have brought about great changes, and since we used to be together so much matters and business about said times has not been an exception to the rule. Settling in my office this latter part of the afternoon I am not here now I have been thinking

of you, and wondering how you are getting
along. I received your circular sometime
since, and was pleased to learn from it
that you were still paying some attention
to the land. I say I was glad, because
I do not want you abandon the pro-
position. One of the last remarks you
made to me when we parted last was
that the next time you came to N.S. you
expected to see me there. I replied
that if I ever was I would make
you Chas. matter. Do you remember
it? I have written other events will
occur or not, it is no more unlikely
than that there being that many
happenings since the remarks were made.
It is all speculation, and none of us
can foresee what may happen, but
do you know that the accomplishment
of two such events would be worth
half a lifetime to me. I would like
it for the honor it would carry, but I
would like it more, doubly more for the
gratification it would give me in having
succeeded in the face of so much oppo-

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position, so much astricism to much hands,
and so many lies. I was in the race as
well where it has been a continual
struggle from the time I was a bound,
apprentice boy, until the present, would be
more gratifying to me than would the
possession of any good. Such ambition
need not be laudable, but it is in me
all the same.

As to the future of course no man
knows, and the rock on which the pol-
itician stands is slippery indeed, but will
you permit the egotism in me when
I say if the Convention was held to-
morrow I could be nominated for
Governor by acclamation, and I would
be elected too. Whether I merit such
consideration or not, may be - perhaps
is a question. If I do, I can at-
tribute it in part to one cause,
I have on all occasions been a

and, hence, and I trust honest Re-
publican. In all my Democratic as-
sociations, I have never apologized for being
a Republican. I believe that my course
in this respect instead of being a disadvantage
has been an advantage to me.

Now I leave you largely at my folly.
Who is the coming man for the Presidency?
I admire Blaine's talents and Sherman's
great ability, but let me tell you that
neither of them will do. The mugwumps
would fight Blaine away, and so far as Sher-
man is concerned, here in the North one half
of the people would believe it was all Bill
Sherman who stole all the cows and
robbed all the hen roosts in the Country,
and they would not be convinced to the Con-
trary. Who then to win a Hancock and
Harrison, or Hawley & John Lincoln, or
Harrison & Blaine. The first combination,
however, is my choice. Here there is
I imagine all this, would not be bad at
either end of the ticket. Let me hear from
you. Steal a few minutes from your duties
and remember your old friend John Nicholas.