

# House of Representatives U.S.

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My Dear Sir

I have not the honor of your acquaintance, and the only claim I have to your notice is that I have been for some years one of your attentive readers, and warm admirers. Your observations on the Senate's treatment of the "Election Bill," in *The Inland Ocean* of Saturday evoked my warmest admiration of your "heroic" love of justice, and none are almost to rage toward the "Apostate Eight," who have put a stain upon the garments of American liberty.

Your pen, on this subject, has been for some time tipped with a noble fire, I want to commend your earnest and effective treatment of the subject, and pray that you <sup>may</sup> be endowed with the "gift of Continence" until the "recreants" are looked into some respect for the American ideal, that the Constitutional right of the citizen to a "free ballot and a fair count," is superior to the "White idols of Silver Kings." Excuse my troubling you, and believe me with great respect  
Yours truly,  
Prayer