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Your favor of 24 Inst to hand and Content noticed - I have no complaints or murmur to make I am for reconstruction and in any way that will tie rights and develop the resources of the country and give equal & fair protection to all. It is a matter of small note whether I am allowed a vote or not & I can very well afford to be even deprived of it knowing as I will do that I had no sympathy with the rebellion & did what I considered at the time was best and have no regrets I saved first and last Eighty odd boys from that infernal sink of corruption the Conf<sup>g</sup> Army and in all probability saved the lives of one half of them and I can afford very well to lose my right to vote with this knowledge and the approval of my own conscience.

I was not aware that you had enemies inside the Union party about here - There are some "Satin Day Saints" who wish all to be governed by what they think & who have to make their own fires & black their own boots or pay some one else to do <sup>now</sup> who think that you are entirely to Red for them - I think from an residence of 25 years I know the honest Hard fisted yeomanry of Sevier County & if I or all they want is re~~admission~~ admittance again into the Union upon fair & equal terms with full protection and equal rights to all <sup>including</sup> ~~and~~ disfranchised suffragers. Cal For Knier who endeavors to figure pretty tall is a full blooded disciple of Holden & will do any trick to rebuild up the old offensive and putrid carcass of Southern Democracy.

He pretends to be a very earnest Union man

but some of us doubt his honesty when we see him  
in counsel with that old Arch Traylor Holden  
I say much doubt his Unionism during the rebellion  
for while I was staining my nerves and suffering sever-  
-ly in a pecuniary point of view, <sup>to save the conscript boys</sup> for Kner who had  
voluntarily solicited the part of Col of the 74 Regt  
N. C. Militia. composed of the eastern half of  
Georgia was engaged in taking up arms and sending to  
the rebel army. Conscripts - while I was doing  
all I could to keep these poor boys out he was  
alike busy in sending them out and so very strong  
was his Unionism that in Obduracy to the mandate  
of that Imp of Dr. Kner. Gov. Vance he sent off many  
negro men who never returned - these are the  
kind of men who pretend they do not like  
the register - I will see you friends I shall  
and we will let a dog and let you know  
it. it cannot well be before 20 May -

I want to & will work for reconstruction now  
with standing I am "outside" but for Heavens  
sake dont compel me to pile alongside of  
Holden & his new converts:

Yours very Truly

Job North

P.S. your action with regard to the freight now is all  
right. I hope it may be beneficial

J.N.