

(Confidential)

Milton, N. Co.,

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1874

Judge Lougee,

My Dear Sir,

I rec'd yours  
of the 25<sup>th</sup> ult, some days ago.  
and have given its subject-  
matter a careful & candid  
consideration,

If Politics possessed greater  
attractions for me than they  
do, I find myself so situated  
in regard to my own personal  
affairs, as utterly to preclude  
the idea of entering actively in-  
to them at this time,

I am poor - and have an  
involunt wife & eight children  
to provide for by <sup>my</sup> own exertions,  
and cannot afford to serve

my country in the Legislature,

And then in a measure, I have to attend to the business of my father-in-law, an elderly man of some eighty years of age, so that my time & attention are completely engrossed,

I fully agree with you that from all the indications party passions & asperities are subsiding; and thus the coming canvass will probably be conducted upon a more elevated plane than those that have immediately preceded it, and I furthermore believe that there is a growing disposition among the plain people of the country to vote for men of intelligence, capacity & moderation to serve them rather than the mere partisans,

I trust that you will pardon

our suggestion, and that is that in my opinion it is of prime importance, for the influence it will have upon the Judicial & Congressional elections in this country, that good men, intelligent men, reliable men should be put forward as candidates for the Legislature

The opposite course would be powerfully at the last Congressional election - In fact in my opinion that & that alone lost Judge Settle his election in this district,

But I did not set out to say so much - Thank you for your kind & complimentary opinion. I am,

Very truly yours  
T. C. Worrels.

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